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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a motor vehicle safety study and making an
2 appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. There is created, pursuant to section eighty
2 point nineteen (80.19) of the Code, a study on the effective-
3 ness of a plural tri light signal system. The study shall
4 examine the extent of usefulness and the accident preventive
5 value of the system and shall determine the feasibility of
6 installing these systems on motor vehicles.

7 Sec. 2. For the purposes of this Act, a "plural tri light
8 signal system" means a device that:

9 1. Is mounted on the roof of a motor vehicle;

10 2. Has running lights, stop lights, turning signals and
11 emergency hazard warning lights, on its front, rear and sides
12 and offers three hundred sixty degree visibility;

13 3. Is functional in conjunction with the signal system
14 already existing in the motor vehicle; and

15 4. Is presently used in this state and approved for sale
16 by the Iowa department of public safety.

17 Sec. 3. In the implementation of this study, the following
18 shall be done:

19 1. The director of the department of general services
20 shall make available, for testing purposes only, not fewer
21 than six hundred state vehicles.

22 2. The director of the department of general services
23 shall designate a business organization in the state of Iowa
24 which produces plural tri light signal systems to supply and
25 install in Polk county not less than three hundred of these
26 systems. These systems shall become, on installation, the
27 property of the state.

28 3. The director of the department of general services
29 shall designate a recognized agency, or an affiliation of
30 individuals who are ocular safety experts, to compile statis-
31 tical information over a period of fifteen months concerning
32 the use of these systems on the state vehicles. The agency
33 shall also make available to the secretary of state for public
34 inspection a progress report every three months while the
35 study continues. The agency shall further evaluate these

1 statistics and report their results in writing to the general
2 assembly no later than four months after the fifteen-month
3 compilation period.

4 4. The commissioner of public safety shall cooperate by
5 responding to reasonable requests for service from the agency
6 designated in subsection three (3) of this section. The
7 commissioner shall further supply the agency with available
8 statistical information, past and present, concerning the
9 operation of vehicles in the state.

10 5. The commissioner of public safety shall direct that
11 all police departments, coroners, sheriffs, and other suitable
12 agencies or individuals, shall note the initials "P.T.L."
13 on the accident form provided by section three hundred twenty-
14 one point two hundred sixty-nine (321.269) of the Code before
15 giving this form to a person who is involved in an accident
16 and who is also driving a state vehicle that has been supplied
17 with a system pursuant to the provisions of this Act. The
18 commissioner shall direct personnel in the department who
19 normally function under the provisions of section three hundred
20 twenty-one point two hundred seventy-two (321.272) of the
21 Code to, in addition to their regular duties, make a list
22 of the reports on which are the initials "P.T.L.". This list
23 shall be submitted monthly to the agency designated in
24 subsection three (3) of this section while the study continues.

25 6. This study shall begin at the earliest convenience
26 of all parties involved, but shall not begin later than Septem-
27 ber 1, 1974.

28 Sec. 4. The sum of forty-six thousand (46,000) dollars
29 is appropriated to the department of public safety to conduct
30 the study created pursuant to this Act.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill provides that the Director of the Department
33 of General Services and the Commissioner of Public Safety
34 shall cooperate with a business organization and a recognized
35 agency to study the effectiveness of a plural tri light signal
36 system. The sum of \$46,000 is appropriated for this study.

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