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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor bicycles.

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

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one  
2 (321.1), Code 1975, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-sixth  
3 General Assembly, 1975 Session, chapters sixty-seven (67)  
4 and one hundred seventy (170), is amended by adding the  
5 following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. "Motor bicycle" means every bicycle which  
7 may be propelled by either human power or helper motor, or  
8 by both, and which has: A motor which produces not more than  
9 one and one-half brake horsepower; a cylinder capacity of  
10 not more than fifty cubic centimeters; an automatic trans-  
11 mission; and the capability of a maximum design speed of no  
12 more than twenty-five miles per hour.

13 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1),  
14 subsection three (3), Code 1975, is amended to read as fol-  
15 lows:

16 3. "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a sad-  
17 dle or seat for the use of the rider and designed to travel  
18 on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground in-  
19 cluding a motor scooter ~~and a bicycle with motor attached~~  
20 but excluding a tractor and a motor bicycle.

21 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-  
22 four (321.34), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1975, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 The county treasurer upon receiving application, accom-  
25 panied by proper fee, for registration of a vehicle shall  
26 issue to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle,  
27 motor bicycle, truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer and  
28 two registration plates for every other motor vehicle.

29 Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-  
30 seven (321.37), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1975, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than  
33 a motorcycle, motor bicycle or a truck tractor shall be  
34 attached thereto, one in the front and the other in the rear.  
35 The registration plate issued for a motorcycle or other vehicle

1 required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to the  
2 rear thereof. The registration plate issued for a truck  
3 tractor shall be attached to the front thereof.

4 Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred  
5 seventeen (321.117), Code 1975, as amended by Acts of the  
6 Sixty-sixth General Assembly, 1975 Session, chapter one hun-  
7 dred seventy-one (171), section eleven (11), is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 321.117 MOTORCYCLE AND HEARSE FEES. For all motorcycles  
10 and motor bicycles the annual fee shall be ten dollars. When  
11 said motorcycle or motor bicycle has been registered five  
12 times, the annual registration fee shall be five dollars.  
13 The annual registration fee for hearses shall be fifty dol-  
14 lars. Passenger car plates shall be issued for hearses.

15 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hun-  
16 dred seventy-five (321.275), Code 1975, is amended by adding  
17 the following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. The provisions of this section shall ap-  
19 ply to motor bicycles.

20 Sec. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one point three hun-  
21 dred eighty-five (321.385), Code 1975, is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 321.385 HEAD LAMPS ON MOTOR VEHICLES. Every motor ve-  
24 hicle other than a motorcycle or motor bicycle shall be  
25 equipped with at least two head lamps with at least one on  
26 each side of the front of the motor vehicle, which head lamps  
27 shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth  
28 in this chapter.

29 Sec. 8. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hun-  
30 dred thirty (321.430), subsection one (1), Code 1975, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 1. Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or motor  
33 bicycle, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with  
34 brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and  
35 hold such vehicle, including two separate means of applying

1 the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply  
2 the brakes to at least two wheels. If these two separate  
3 means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, they  
4 shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the  
5 operating mechanism shall not leave the motor vehicle with-  
6 out brakes on at least two wheels.

7 Sec. 9. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hun-  
8 dred thirty (321.430), subsection four (4), paragraph a, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 a. Any motorcycle or motor bicycle.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill excludes from the definition of "motorcycle"  
13 a "motor bicycle" but preserves the requirement that an op-  
14 erator's license is necessary to operate a motor bicycle on  
15 the highway.

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