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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to funeral escorts and creating a penalty.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.324A FUNERAL PROCESSION.

2 Upon the immediate approach of a funeral procession the
3 driver of every other vehicle, except an authorized emergency
4 vehicle, shall yield the right-of-way. For purposes of this
5 section, funeral procession means a procession of motor
6 vehicles which is being escorted by a vehicle displaying a red
7 light, or giving an audible signal by siren and which
8 identifies itself by using lighted head lamps and by keeping
9 all motor vehicles in close formation.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.422, Code 1991, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 321.422 RED LIGHT IN FRONT.

13 No A person shall not drive or move any vehicle or
14 equipment upon any a highway with any a lamp or device thereon
15 on it displaying or reflecting a red light visible from
16 directly in front thereof of the vehicle or equipment. This
17 section ~~shall~~ does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles,
18 vehicles escorting funeral processions or school buses and
19 vehicles as provided in section 321.423, subsection 6. No A
20 person shall not display any color of light other than red on
21 the rear of any a vehicle, except that stop lights and
22 directional signals may be red, yellow, or amber.

23 Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 2, Code Supplement
24 1991, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

25 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. A flashing red light displayed on a
26 vehicle escorting a funeral procession.

27 Sec. 4. Section 321.433, Code 1991, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 321.433 SIRENS AND BELLS PROHIBITED.

30 No A vehicle shall not be equipped with nor shall any a
31 person use upon a vehicle any a siren, whistle, or bell,
32 except as otherwise permitted in this section. It is
33 permissible but not required that any a commercial vehicle be
34 equipped with a theft alarm signal device which is so arranged
35 that it cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning

1 signal. Any An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped
2 with a siren, whistle, or bell, capable of emitting sound
3 audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less
4 than five hundred feet and of a type approved by the
5 department, but such the siren shall not be used except when
6 such the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call
7 or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator
8 of the law, ~~in which said latter events the~~. The driver of
9 such the vehicle shall sound ~~said~~ the siren when necessary to
10 warn pedestrians and other drivers of the vehicle's approach
11 thereof. A vehicle escorting a funeral procession may be
12 equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell which may be used to
13 warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach of the
14 procession.

15 Sec. 5. Section 805.8, subsection 2, paragraph k, Code
16 1991, is amended to read as follows:

17 k. For violations by operators of school buses and
18 emergency vehicles, and for violations by other motor vehicle
19 operators when in their vicinity, under sections 321.231,
20 321.324, 321.324A, 321.372 and 321.377, the scheduled fine is
21 twenty-five dollars: However, excessive speed by a school bus
22 in excess of ten miles over the limit is not a scheduled
23 violation.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires a motorist to yield the right-of-way to
26 a funeral procession. A funeral procession means that all of
27 the vehicles are displaying headlights, are in close
28 formation, and are being escorted by a vehicle displaying a
29 flashing red light or giving an audible signal by siren. It
30 also allows an escort vehicle to display a flashing red light
31 or use a siren. This bill makes it a simple misdemeanor to
32 interfere with a funeral procession and creates a scheduled
33 fine of \$25.

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