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SENATE FILE 109
BY JENSEN and FRAISE

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to bicycles by requiring registration and fees,
2 prohibiting certain operations, creating the bicycle trail
3 fund and providing fines for violations.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321M.1 DEFINITIONS.

2 1. "Bicycle", "department", and "highway" mean the same as
3 defined in section 321.1.

4 2. "Trail" means a recreational trail classified under
5 section 465B.2.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321M.2 REGISTRATION REQUIRED --
7 FINE.

8 1. The owner of a bicycle who resides in this state shall
9 not operate or knowingly permit the operation of the owner's
10 bicycle upon a highway or trail in this state unless the
11 bicycle is registered and the bicycle displays the
12 registration sticker.

13 2. A fine may be imposed upon the owner or operator of a
14 bicycle if the bicycle is operated in violation of this
15 section. The fine for each violation is twenty dollars and
16 all moneys collected shall be deposited in the bicycle trail
17 fund.

18 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 321M.3 APPLICATION AND
19 REGISTRATION.

20 1. Upon application and payment of the fee under section
21 321M.4, the county recorder in the county in which the owner
22 resides shall register the owner's bicycle and issue an annual
23 registration sticker. The registration sticker shall bear a
24 unique identifying number.

25 2. Whenever the owner, after registering the bicycle,
26 moves from the address shown on the application, the owner
27 shall notify the county recorder of the owner's new address.

28 3. Upon the transfer of ownership of a bicycle, the
29 purchaser shall file a new application form with the county
30 recorder in addition to a transfer fee of one dollar and a
31 registration sticker shall be assigned to the applicant.

32 4. A bicycle registration shall be valid for a one-year
33 period. The registration shall expire on December 31.

34 5. Registration forms and stickers shall be supplied to
35 each county recorder by the department.

1 6. The county recorder shall maintain a record of each
2 application which shall include the registration sticker
3 identification number assigned to the applicant's bicycle.

4 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 321M.4 FEE.

5 1. The registration fee shall be based upon the retail
6 value of the bicycle when it was new, as certified by the
7 registrant, and shall be as follows:

8 a. Two dollars for bicycles valued at up to five hundred
9 dollars.

10 b. Five dollars for bicycles valued between five hundred
11 dollars and one thousand dollars.

12 c. Ten dollars for bicycles valued at greater than one
13 thousand dollars.

14 2. Ten days after the end of each month, the county
15 recorder shall remit to the department all bicycle
16 registration fees collected by the recorder in the previous
17 month.

18 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 321M.5 BICYCLE TRAIL FUND --
19 APPROPRIATION.

20 The bicycle trail fund is created. The department shall
21 remit all fees received from the county recorders under this
22 chapter to the treasurer of state who shall credit the moneys
23 to the bicycle trail fund and the treasurer of state shall
24 also credit to the fund all moneys collected pursuant to the
25 fine under section 321M.2.

26 Moneys credited to the bicycle trail fund are appropriated
27 to the department for the purpose of acquiring, constructing,
28 and improving recreational trails within the state.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill prohibits operation of a bicycle upon a highway
31 or trail in the state without a registration sticker affixed
32 to the bicycle. Persons who operate without a sticker are
33 subject to a fine of \$20. The fee for annual registration is
34 \$2 for bicycles valued at up to \$500, \$5 for bicycles valued
35 between \$500 and \$1,000, and \$10 for bicycles valued at more

1 than \$1,000. The bill creates the bicycle trail fund and
2 appropriates moneys earned from registration fees and from the
3 fine to be used by the state department of transportation to
4 acquire, construct, and improve recreational trails within the
5 state.

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SENATE FILE 109
FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for Senate File 109 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 109 requires bicycles operated upon a highway or trail to have a registration sticker affixed. All bicycles will be registered with a county recorder in the county in which the owner resides. Persons who operate a bicycle without a sticker are subject to a \$20 fine. The fee for annual registration is \$2 for bicycles valued between \$100 and \$500, \$5 for bicycles valued between \$501 and \$1,000, and \$10 for bicycles valued more than \$1,000. This bill creates the bicycle trail fund and appropriates money earned from registration fees and from the fine to be used by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to acquire, construct, and improve recreational trails within Iowa.

Assumptions:

1. The number of bicycles in Iowa has not previously been estimated. If the same rate of bicycle ownership in Minnesota (65%) is applied to Iowa's population of 2.8 million, the estimated number of bicycles owned in Iowa is 1.82 million.
2. Approximately 10% (200,000) of all bicycles in Iowa are valued below \$100.
3. The average value of a bicycle is less than \$500.
4. The cost to the DOT for the production of registration forms and stickers will be \$30,000 annually.

Fiscal Effect:

Because it is uncertain what level of compliance will be achieved with this legislation, the following are revenue estimates assuming various levels of compliance.

1. 25% Compliance: \$900,000 (1.8 million bicycles x \$2 fee x 25%)
2. 50% Compliance: \$1,800,000 (1.8 million bicycles x \$2 fee x 50%)
3. 100% Compliance: \$3,600,000 (1.8 million bicycles x \$2 fee x 100%)

The additional cost to the county recorders' offices is not known. Additional staff may be required in some counties at an approximate cost of \$20,000 for salary and benefits. This cost would be paid by the counties. In addition, the cost for enforcement cannot be determined.

Source: Department of Transportation

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