CHAPTER 1055

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS — RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS

H.F. 204

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles that traverse certain railroad grade crossings against a gate or signal, and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.341, Code 2023, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *a.* For violations of this section that occur at a railroad grade crossing that has a median barrier and that is established as a quiet zone in accordance with 49 C.F.R. pt. 222, subpt. C, the person may attend and successfully complete, at the person's own expense, a driver improvement program approved by the department in lieu of the fine imposed under section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph *"h"*, subparagraph (2). To be eligible, the person shall notify the clerk of court prior to the date of the person's court appearance as indicated on the citation that the person intends to attend and successfully complete a driver improvement program, and shall submit to the clerk of court written verification that the person completed the driver improvement program, signed by the instructor of the program, within ninety days of the violation.

b. A person who notifies the clerk of court that the person intends to successfully complete a driver improvement program pursuant to paragraph *"a"*, but who does not submit the required written verification that the person successfully completed the driver improvement program to the clerk of court within ninety days of the violation, shall be assessed the fine described in paragraph *"a"* on the ninety-first day after the violation.

Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph h, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

h. Railroad crossing violations.

(1) For violations under sections 321.341, 321.342, 321.343, 321.344, and 321.344B, the scheduled fine is two hundred sixty dollars.

(2) However, for violations of section 321.341 that occur at a railroad grade crossing that has a median barrier and that is established as a quiet zone in accordance with 49 C.F.R. pt. 222, subpt. C, the scheduled fine is five hundred twenty dollars.

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