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April 27, 2005

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 276, an Act requiring that meetings relating to postsecondary school registration held by the Iowa Coordinating Council for post-high school education by open to the public.

House File 717, an Act prohibiting the unauthorized sale, ownership, possession, or use of traffic signal preemption devices and providing a penalty.

House File 757, an Act relating to the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

House File 771, an Act relating to the timing of a mental competency hearing for a person accused of a criminal offense.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 717

AN ACT

PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION,
OR USE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION DEVICES AND PROVIDING
A PENALTY.

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

Section 1. Section 321.260, Code 2005, is amended by
adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. a. A person shall not sell, own,
possess, or use a traffic signal preemption device except as
permitted in connection with the lawful operation of an
authorized emergency vehicle as defined in section 321.1 or as
otherwise authorized by the jurisdiction owning and operating
an official traffic control signal. A person who is convicted
of the unauthorized sale, ownership, possession, or use of a
traffic signal preemption device is guilty of a simple
misdemeanor. In addition to any other penalties, the
punishment imposed for a violation under this subsection shall
include assessment of a fine of not less than two hundred
fifty dollars, and if the violation involves the unauthorized
use of a traffic signal preemption device, the person may also
be required to complete community service.

b. For purposes of this subsection, "traffic signal
preemption device" means a device that, when activated, is

capable of changing an official traffic control signal to green out of sequence.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House




JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 717, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 27, 2005



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor