

AN ACT

RELATING TO MAGISTRATE JURISDICTION, SPECIFYING CERTAIN  
TRAFFIC-RELATED OFFENSES AS SIMPLE MISDEMEANORS, MAKING  
OTHER RELATED CHANGES TO SIMPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES, AND  
PROVIDING A PENALTY.

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

Section 1. Section 321.24, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 12. A person who violates this section  
commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. Section 321.95, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
follows:

**321.95 RIGHT OF INSPECTION.**

1. Peace officers shall have the authority to inspect  
any vehicle or component part in possession of a vehicle  
rebuilder, vehicle salvager, used vehicle parts dealer or any  
person licensed under chapter 322, or found upon the public  
highway or in any public garage, enclosure or property in  
which vehicles or component parts are kept for sale, storage,  
hire or repair and for that purpose may enter any such public  
garage, enclosure or property. Every vehicle rebuilder,  
vehicle salvager, used vehicle parts dealer, or any person  
licensed under chapter 322, or a person having used engines or  
transmissions which are component parts for sale shall keep  
an accurate and complete record of all vehicles demolished  
and of such component parts purchased or received for resale  
as component parts in the course of business. These records  
shall contain the name and address of the person from whom each  
such vehicle or component part was purchased or received and  
the date when the purchase or receipt occurred or the junking

certificate if required for the vehicle. These records shall be open for inspection by any peace officer at any time during normal business hours. Records required by this section shall be kept for at least three years after the transaction which they record.

2. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. Section 321.96, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.96 PROHIBITED PLATES — CERTIFICATES.**

1. A person shall not display or cause or permit to be displayed, or have in the person's possession, a vehicle identification number or component part number except as provided in this chapter, or a canceled, revoked, altered, or fictitious registration number plates, registration receipt, or certificate of title, as the same are respectively provided for in this chapter.

2. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. Section 321.122, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. Section 321.189, subsection 7, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. e. A person who violates this subsection commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. Section 321.208A, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.208A OPERATION IN VIOLATION OF OUT-OF-SERVICE ORDER — PENALTIES.**

1. A person required to hold a commercial driver's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle shall not operate a commercial motor vehicle on the highways of this state in violation of an out-of-service order issued by a peace officer for a violation of the out-of-service rules adopted by the department. A driver who violates an out-of-service order commits a simple misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than two thousand five hundred dollars upon conviction for the first violation of an out-of-service order and not less than five thousand dollars for a second or subsequent violation of an out-of-service order in separate incidents within a ten-year period.

2. An employer shall not knowingly allow, require, permit, or authorize an employee to drive a commercial motor vehicle in violation of an out-of-service order. An employer who violates this subsection commits a simple misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sec. 7. Section 321.236, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 15. A violation of a local ordinance, rule, or regulation promulgated under the authority of this section shall be prosecuted under the local ordinance, without reference to this section.

Sec. 8. Section 321.285, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph after subsection 7:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A person who violates this section for excessive speed in violation of a speed limit commits a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under section 805.8A, subsection 5, paragraph "a". A person who violates this section for excessive speed as an operator of a school bus commits a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under section 805.8A, subsection 10, paragraph "a". A person who violates any other provision of this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 9. Section 321.371, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.371 CLEARING UP WRECKS.**

1. Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the highway from such vehicle.

2. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 10. Section 321.373, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 8. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 11. Section 321.379, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.379 VIOLATIONS.**

~~No~~ A school board, individual, or organization shall not purchase, construct, or contract for use, to transport pupils to or from school, any school bus which does not comply with the minimum requirements of section 321.373 and any individual, or any member or officer of such board or organization who

authorizes, the purchase, construction, or contract for any such bus not complying with these minimum requirements ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in section 321.482~~ commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 12. Section 321.406, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.406 COWL LAMPS.**

1. Any A motor vehicle may be shall not be equipped with ~~not~~ more than two side cowl or fender lamps ~~which shall.~~ Such lamps shall emit only an amber or white light without glare.

2. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 13. Section 321.408, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.408 BACK-UP LAMPS.**

1. Any A motor vehicle may be equipped with a back-up lamp either separately or in combination with another lamp, ~~except that no such.~~

2. A back-up lamp shall not be continuously lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

3. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 14. Section 321.431, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 15. Section 321.452, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.452 SCOPE AND EFFECT.**

1. Except for offenses punishable under the provisions of section 321.463 it is a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in section 321.482, for any A person to shall not drive or move ~~or for,~~ and the owner to of such vehicle shall not cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any highway any vehicle or vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations stated in this chapter, and the maximum size and weight of vehicles herein specified shall be lawful throughout this state, and local authorities shall have no power or authority to alter said limitations except as express authority ~~may be~~ is granted in this chapter.

2. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 16. Section 321.463, subsection 12, Code 2009, is

amended to read as follows:

12. A person ~~who issues or executes, or causes~~ shall not issue or execute, or cause to be issued or executed, a bill of lading, manifest, or shipping document of any kind which states a false weight of the cargo set forth on such bill, manifest, or document, which is less than the actual weight of the cargo, ~~shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.~~

Sec. 17. Section 321.463, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 13. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 18. Section 321.467, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.467 RETRACTABLE AXLES.**

1. A vehicle which is a model year 1999 or later vehicle shall not operate on a highway of this state with a retractable axle unless the weight on the retractable axle can only be adjusted by means of a manual device located on the vehicle that is not accessible to the operator of the vehicle during operation of the vehicle. However, the controls for raising and lowering the retractable axle may be accessible to the operator of the vehicle while the vehicle is in operation.

2. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 19. Section 321.484, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.484 OFFENSES BY OWNERS.**

1. It is unlawful for the owner, or any other person, employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle to require or knowingly to permit the operation of such vehicle upon a highway in any manner contrary to law.

~~1.~~ 2. The owner of a vehicle shall not be held responsible for a violation of a provision regulating the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle, whether the provision is contained in this chapter, or chapter 321L, or an ordinance or other regulation or rule, if the owner establishes that at the time of the violation the vehicle was in the custody of an identified person other than the owner pursuant to a lease as defined in chapter 321F or pursuant to a rental agreement as defined in section 516D.3. The furnishing to the county attorney where the charge is pending of a copy of the lease prescribed by section 321F.6 or rental agreement that was in effect for the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation

shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle was in the custody of an identified person other than the owner within the meaning of this subsection. Upon receipt of such evidence, the appropriate authority shall dismiss as against the owner of the vehicle any citation issued for a violation within the meaning of this subsection that occurred while the vehicle was in the custody of the identified person.

~~2.~~ 3. If a peace officer as defined in section 801.4 has reasonable cause to believe the driver of a motor vehicle has violated section 321.261, 321.262, 321.264, 321.341, 321.342, 321.343, 321.344, or 321.372, the officer may request any owner of the motor vehicle to supply information identifying the driver. When requested, the owner of the vehicle shall identify the driver to the best of the owner's ability. However, the owner of the vehicle is not required to supply identification information to the officer if the owner believes the information is self-incriminating.

4. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 20. Section 321.487, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321.487 VIOLATION OF PROMISE TO APPEAR.**

1. Any person willfully violating a citation to appear in court given as provided in this chapter, is guilty of a simple misdemeanor, ~~punishable as provided in section 321.482~~ regardless of the disposition of the charge upon which the person was cited. Venue shall be in the county where the defendant was to appear or in the county where the person resides.

2. An appearance in response to such citation may be made either in person or by counsel.

Sec. 21. Section 321E.11, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

**321E.11 DAYLIGHT MOVEMENT ONLY — EXCEPTIONS — HOLIDAYS.**

1. Movements by permit in accordance with this chapter shall be permitted only during the hours from thirty minutes prior to sunrise to thirty minutes following sunset unless the issuing authority determines that the movement can be better accomplished at another period of time because of traffic volume conditions or the vehicle subject to the permit has an overall length not to exceed one hundred feet, an overall width not to exceed eleven feet, and an overall height not to exceed fourteen feet, four inches, and the permit requires the vehicle

to operate only on those highways designated by the department. Additional safety lighting and escorts may be required for movement at night.

2. Except as provided in section 321.457, no movement by permit shall be permitted on holidays, after twelve o'clock noon on days preceding holidays and holiday weekends, or special events when abnormally high traffic volumes can be expected. Such restrictions shall not be applicable to urban transit systems as defined in section 321.19, subsection 2. For the purposes of this chapter, holidays shall include Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

3. A person who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 22. Section 481A.135, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. An indictment or trial information for a violation requiring an enhanced penalty under this section shall specify the underlying violation committed by the person.

Sec. 23. Section 602.6405, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. Magistrates have jurisdiction of simple misdemeanors regardless of the amount of the fine, including traffic and ordinance violations, and preliminary hearings, search warrant proceedings, county and municipal infractions, and small claims. Magistrates have jurisdiction to determine the disposition of livestock or another animal, as provided in sections 717.5 and 717B.4, if the magistrate determines the value of the livestock or animal is less than ten thousand dollars. Magistrates have jurisdiction to exercise the powers specified in sections 556F.2 and 556F.12, and to hear complaints or preliminary informations, issue warrants, order arrests, make commitments, and take bail. Magistrates have jurisdiction over violations of section 123.49, subsection 2, paragraph "h". Magistrates who are admitted to the practice of law in this state have jurisdiction over all proceedings for the involuntary commitment, treatment, or hospitalization of individuals under chapters 125 and 229, except as otherwise provided under section 229.6A; nonlawyer magistrates have jurisdiction over emergency detention and hospitalization proceedings under sections 125.91 and 229.22. Magistrates have jurisdiction to conduct hearings authorized under section 809.4.

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President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 285, Eighty-third General Assembly.

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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