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March 21, 2018

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2302, an Act relating to the operation of rescue vehicles when responding to an emergency, and making penalties applicable.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 2302

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF RESCUE VEHICLES WHEN RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY, AND MAKING PENALTIES APPLICABLE.

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

Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 62, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

62. "Rescue vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is equipped with rescue, fire, ~~or~~ life support, hazardous material, or emergency management equipment used to assist and rescue persons in emergencies or support emergency personnel in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 2. Section 321.231, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2018, are amended to read as follows:


3. The driver of a fire department vehicle, police vehicle, rescue vehicle, or ambulance, or a peace officer riding a police bicycle in the line of duty, may do any of the following:


a. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.

b. Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as the driver does not endanger life or property.


4. The exemptions granted to an authorized emergency vehicle under subsection 2 and ~~for~~ to a fire department vehicle, police vehicle, rescue vehicle, or ambulance as provided in subsection 3 shall apply only when such vehicle is making use of an audible signaling device meeting the

requirements of section 321.433 or a visual signaling device, except that use of an audible or visual signaling device shall not be required when exercising the exemption granted under subsection 3, paragraph "b", ~~of this section~~ when the vehicle is operated by a peace officer, pursuing a suspected violator of the speed restrictions imposed by or pursuant to this chapter, for the purpose of determining the speed of travel of such suspected violator.


  
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LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

  
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JACK WHITVER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2302, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

  
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CARMINE BOAL  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

  
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KIM REYNOLDS  
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