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Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 1

Vote: Ayes 86 Nays 13

Approved

3. King committee 5/18  
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# A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the use of auxiliary axles on vehicles.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1),  
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new  
3 subsection:

4 " 'Auxiliary axle' means a transferable axle with pneumatic  
5 tires utilized to convert any single axle to a tandem axle, or  
6 to convert any semitrailer to a full trailer with four or more  
7 wheels and which may be registered as if a vehicle."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-seven  
2 (321.37), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
3 following new paragraph:

4 "The registration plate issued for an auxiliary axle shall be  
5 attached to the rear thereof when directly visible from the rear,  
6 and in all other cases, shall be attached to the right frame of  
7 such axle so as to be visible from the right side of the vehicle  
8 utilizing such axle."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty-three  
2 (321.43), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 word "vehicle" in line three (3) the words "or auxiliary axle".

1 Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty-three  
2 (321.43), Code 1962, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
3 the word "vehicle" in line seven (7) the words "or auxiliary

4 axle”.

1 Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty-three  
2 (321.43), Code 1962, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
3 the word “vehicle” in line eight (8) the words “of auxiliary  
4 axle”.

1 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred  
2 twenty-two (321.122), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding  
3 the following new paragraph to subsection one (1) thereof:

4 “Where an auxiliary axle has been registered under the pro-  
5 visions of this section, then the truck tractor or road tractor  
6 utilizing such registered auxiliary axle may be registered for  
7 the combined gross weight less the registered gross weight of  
8 such auxiliary axle.”

1 Sec. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred  
2 twenty-two (321.122), Code 1962, is hereby further amended by  
3 adding thereto the following new subsection:

4 “The annual registration fee for an auxiliary axle with pneu-  
5 matic tires utilized to convert any single rear axle of any truck  
6 tractor or road tractor to a tandem rear axle, or to convert any  
7 single axle of any semitrailer to a tandem axle, shall be two  
8 hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) for a gross weight of nine  
9 (9) tons, plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each additional  
10 ton over nine (9) tons.”

1 Sec. 8. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred  
2 twenty-three (321.123), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding  
3 the following new paragraph to subsection one (1) thereof:

4 “The annual registration fee for an auxiliary axle with pneu-  
5 matic tires to convert a registered semitrailer to a full trailer

6 with four (4) or more wheels, shall be eighty dollars (\$80.00) for  
7 a gross weight not exceeding fourteen (14) tons less however the  
8 fee paid for the semitrailer under the provisions of section  
9 three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-two.”

1 Sec. 9. Section three hundred twenty-one point three hundred  
2 ten (321.310), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 the figures “321.123” in the last line of the first paragraph  
4 the following:

5 “and where any semitrailer has been converted to a trailer  
6 with four (4) or more wheels by use of an auxiliary axle, such  
7 auxiliary axle may be registered under the provisions of section  
8 three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-three (321.123)”.

1 Sec. 10. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred  
2 sixty-six (321.466), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting the  
3 following new paragraph following paragraph four (4) thereof:

4 “The registered gross weight of any vehicle may also be  
5 increased by installing and using a properly registered auxiliary  
6 axle, and the combined registered gross weight of such vehicle  
7 and axle shall determine the total registered gross weight there-  
8 of, and such auxiliary axle may be transferred from vehicle to  
9 vehicle only by the person registering such auxiliary axle. No  
10 auxiliary axle however may be used to convert a single axle to a  
11 tandem axle unless equipped with a device to equalize the load  
12 carried by the single axle and the said auxiliary axle when in  
13 tandem and when in motion, and the load transmitted to the highway  
14 by either a single axle or the auxiliary axle shall not exceed  
15 that permitted for any single axle, nor shall the load transmitted  
16 to the highway when in tandem and in motion exceed that permitted

17 for any tandem axle.”

1 Sec. 11. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred  
2 sixty-six (321.466), Code 1962, is hereby further amended by  
3 inserting after the word “thereof” in line three (3) of the fifth  
4 (5th) paragraph the following:  
5 “or any such vehicle equipped with a transferable auxiliary  
6 axle”.

1 Sec. 12. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1962,  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section:  
3 “No auxiliary axle shall be registered which is not permanent-  
4 ly identified by a serial or other identifying number permanently  
5 affixed thereto and permanently and conspicuously displayed.”

1 Amend Senate File 467 by striking all after section 5 and inserting  
2 in lieu thereof the following:

3 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-  
two

4 (321.122), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following to  
5 subsection one (1) thereof:

6 "Where an auxiliary axle has been registered under the provisions  
7 of this chapter, the registered gross weight of the vehicle or  
8 combination of vehicles shall be the sum of the registered gross  
9 weight of such auxiliary axle or axles added to the registered gross  
10 weight of the truck, truck-tractor, or road tractor."

11 Sec. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-  
two

12 (321.122), Code 1962, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the  
13 following:

14 "An auxiliary axle may be registered on an annual basis and the  
15 annual registration fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for  
16 each ton of registered gross weight."

17 Sec. 8. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred sixty-  
six

18 (321.466), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting the following new  
19 paragraph following paragraph four (4) thereof:

20 "The registered gross weight of any vehicle or combination of  
21 vehicles may also be increased by installing and using a properly  
22 registered auxiliary axle or axles, and the combined registered gross  
23 weight of such vehicle and auxiliary axle or axles shall determine the  
24 total registered gross weight thereof. No auxiliary may be used  
25 to convert a single axle to a tandem axle unless equipped with a  
26 device to equalize the load carried by the single axle and the said  
27 auxiliary axle when in tandem and when in motion or when standing,  
28 and the load transmitted to the highway by either the single axle  
29 or the auxiliary axle shall not exceed that permitted for any single  
30 axle, nor shall the load transmitted to the highway when in tandem  
31 and when in motion or when standing, exceed that permitted for any  
32 tandem axle."

33 Sec. 9. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred  
34 sixty-six (321.466), Code 1962, is hereby further amended by inserting  
35 after the word "thereof" in line three (3) of the fifth (5th) paragraph  
36 the following:

37 "or any such vehicle equipped with a transferable auxiliary axle  
38 or axles."

39 Sec. 10. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1962, is  
40 hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section:

41 "No auxiliary axle shall be registered which is not permanently  
42 identified by a serial or other identifying number permanently  
43 affixed thereto and permanently and conspicuously displayed."

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By HAGEDORN.