

February 20, 1969

HOUSE FILE 319

Placed on Calendar

Law Enforcement 3-12
Pass as amended 4-17 By COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Passed House, Date 3-10-69 Passed Senate, Date 5-15-69

Vote: Ayes 111 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 56 Nays 0

Approved May 21, 1969

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of motorcycles.

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

3 Section 1. Every person operating a motorcycle shall be
4 granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the
5 duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle except
6 those rights and duties which by their nature can have no
7 application.

8 Sec. 2. A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only
9 upon the permanent and regular attached seat thereto, and
10 such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any
11 other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is
12 designed to carry more than one person, in which event a
13 passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if
14 designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly at-
15 tached to the motorcycle at the rear of the operator.

16 Sec. 3. A person shall ride upon a motorcycle only when
17 sitting astride the seat, facing forward with one leg on
18 either side of the motorcycle.

19 Sec. 4. No person shall operate a motorcycle while carry-
20 ing any package, bundle, or other article which prevents him
21 from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

22 Sec. 5. No operator shall carry any person, nor shall any
23 other person ride, in a position that will interfere with the
24 operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the oper-
25 ator.

1 Sec. 6. All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a
2 lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner
3 as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane with
4 the exception that this shall not apply to motorcycles oper-
5 ated two abreast in a single lane.

6 Sec. 7. The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake
7 and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being over-
8 taken.

9 Sec. 8. No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes
10 of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

11 Sec. 9. Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two
12 abreast in a single lane.

13 Sec. 10. Any motorcycle carrying a person other than in
14 a sidecar or enclosed cab shall be equipped with foot rests
15 for such passenger.

16 Sec. 11. No person shall operate any motorcycle with han-
17 dlebars more than fifteen inches in height above that portion
18 of the seat occupied by the operator.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 319

There is little in the present Iowa statutes relating to the operation of motorcycles. This bill represents a composite of the best of legislation from other jurisdictions and is essentially a codification of accepted safety rules and standards throughout the United States.

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- 1 Amend House File 319 as follows:
 - 2 1. By adding thereto a new section following section
 - 3 eleven (11) as follows:
 - 4 "No person shall operate a motorcycle upon the public highways
 - 5 without a headgear approved by the department of public safety except
 - 6 members of parade groups sponsored by any corporation enumerated in
 - 7 section five hundred four point five (504.5), Code 1966, shall be
 - 8 exempt from this section."
 - 9 2. By renumbering the following section.

*withdrawn
5-15-69*

Filed
April 17, 1969

By COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

1 Amend House File 319 by adding the following new
2 section:
3 "Sec. 12. The above regulations in regard to motor-
4 cycles shall not apply to motorcycles or motor scooters
5 when used in a parade authorized by proper permit from
6 local authorities."

Filed - *Adopted 3-10*
February 28, 1969

ANDERSEN of Woodbury

1 Amend the committee amendment to House File 319
2 as follows:
3 By inserting on line 4 following the word
4 "highways" the words "outside incorporated and
5 non-incorporated cities and towns".

Filed adopted and withdrawn ✓
May 15, 1969

By GLENN
