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TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE FILE 386

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Passed House, Date 5-24-71 Passed Senate, Date 6-16-71

Vote: Ayes 74 Nays 17 Vote: Ayes 36 Nays 4

Approved July 15, 1971

Passed House as amended by Senate

*8-17-71
aye 82 nays 5*

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to travel trailers.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one
2 (321.1), subsection sixty-eight (68), unnumbered paragraph
3 two (2), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

4 "Travel trailer" or "~~camping-trailer~~" means a vehicle with-
5 out motive power used or so manufactured or constructed as
6 to permit its being used as a conveyance upon the public
7 streets and highways and so designed to permit the vehicle
8 to be used as a place of human habitation by one or more per-
9 sons. Said vehicle may be up to eight feet in width and any
10 ~~length-provided-its-gross-weight-does-not-exceed-forty-five~~
11 ~~hundred-pounds-which-shall-be-the-manufacturer's-shipping~~
12 ~~or-the-actual-weight-of-the-vehicle-fully-equipped, or any~~
13 ~~weight-provided~~ its overall length does shall not exceed
14 ~~twenty-eight~~ thirty-two feet. Such vehicle shall be custom-
15 arily or ordinarily used for vacation or recreational purposes
16 and not used as a place of permanent habitation. If any such
17 vehicle is used in this state as a place of human habitation
18 for more than ninety consecutive days in one location any
19 ~~twelve-month-period~~ it shall be classed as a mobile home
20 regardless of the size and-weight limitations herein provided.

21 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point fifty-seven
22 (321.57), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1971, is amended
23 as follows:

24 A dealer owning any vehicle of a type otherwise required
25 to be registered hereunder may operate or move the same upon
26 the highways solely for purposes of transporting, testing,
27 demonstrating or selling the same without registering each
28 such vehicle upon condition that any such vehicle display
29 thereon in the manner prescribed in sections 321.37 and 321.38
30 a special plate or plates issued to such owner as provided
31 in sections 321.58 to 321.62, inclusive. In addition to the
32 foregoing, a new-car dealer or a used-car dealer may operate
33 or move upon the highways any new or used car or trailer owned
34 by him for either private or business purposes without
35 registering the same providing, (1) such new or used car or

1 trailer is in the dealer's inventory and is continuously
2 offered for sale at retail, and (2) there is displayed thereon
3 a special plate or plates issued to such dealer as provided
4 in sections 321.58 to 321.62, inclusive.

5 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hun-
6 dred twenty-three (321.123), subsection three (3), unnumbered
7 paragraphs two (2) and three (3), Code 1971, are amended as
8 follows:

9 Travel trailers~~,-and-camping-trailers~~, regardless of whether
10 or not they are used on the highways, except those in
11 manufacturer's or dealer's stock, an annual fee of ~~five~~
12 twenty cents per square foot of floor space computed on the
13 exterior overall measurements, but excluding any-area three
14 feet occupied by any trailer hitch as provided by and certified
15 to by the owner, to the nearest whole dollar, which amount
16 shall not be prorated or refunded; except the annual fee for
17 travel trailers ~~or-camping-trailers~~, when registered in Iowa
18 for the first time, shall be prorated on a monthly basis.
19 The registrant of a travel trailer ~~or camping-trailer~~ shall
20 be issued a "travel trailer" plate. It is further provided
21 the annual fee thus computed shall be limited to seventy-five
22 percent of the full fee after the sixth registration. This
23 fee shall become effective December 1, 1971, for the 1972
24 registration.

25 If a mobile home~~,-or~~ travel trailer or-camping trailer
26 shall have been registered under the provisions of this chapter
27 at any time during a calendar year, said mobile home~~,-or~~
28 travel trailer or-camping-trailer, shall not be subject to
29 a personal property tax for said year.

30 Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hun-
31 dred eighty-five (321.285), subsection six (6), Code 1971,
32 is amended as follows:

33 6. Fifty-five miles per hour for any motor vehicle draw-
34 ing a one- or two-wheel trailer or a tandem wheel trailer
35 not more than ~~twenty-eight~~ thirty-two feet in length including

1 towing arm with-a-gross-weight-of-not-more-than-four-thousand
2 five-hundred-pounds and not more than eight feet in width.

3 Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hun-
4 dred eighty-five (321.285), subsection eight (8), unnumbered
5 paragraph one (1), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

6 Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the speed
7 limits for all vehicular traffic, except vehicles subject
8 to the provisions of section 321.286 on fully controlled-
9 access, divided, multilaned highways included in, and as a
10 part of, the national system of interstate highways designated
11 by the federal bureau of public roads and this state [23
12 U.S.C. 103 (d)] shall be seventy-five miles per hour from
13 sunrise to sunset and sixty-five miles per hour from sunset
14 to sunrise, except that the speed limit for any motor ve-
15 hicle drawing a one-wheel or two-wheel trailer or a tandem
16 wheel trailer shall be sixty-five miles per hour. However,
17 the highway commission or the cities and towns, with the ap-
18 proval of the highway commission, may establish a lower speed
19 limit upon such highways located within the corporate limits
20 of any city or town used as city alternate routes, commonly
21 referred to as "freeways". For the purposes of this subsec-
22 tion a fully controlled-access highway is a highway that gives
23 preference to through traffic by providing access connections
24 with selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings
25 at grade or direct private driveway connections. It is fur-
26 ther provided that a minimum speed of forty miles per hour,
27 road conditions permitting, shall be established on the high-
28 ways referred to in this subsection.

29 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hun-
30 dred thirty (321.430), subsection three (3), Code 1971, is
31 amended as follows:

32 3. Every trailer or semitrailer of a gross weight of three
33 thousand pounds or more, and every trailer coach or travel
34 trailer intended for use for human habitation, shall be
35 equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and

1 to stop and hold such vehicle, and so designed as to be ap-
 2 plied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab,
 3 or with self-actuating brakes, and ~~said brakes shall, after~~
 4 ~~January 1, 1939, be so designed and connected that in case~~
 5 ~~of an accidental breakaway of the towed vehicle the brakes~~
 6 ~~shall be automatically applied~~ and weight equalizing hitch
 7 with a sway control of a type approved by the commissioner
 8 of public safety. Every semitrailer, travel trailer, or
 9 trailer coach of a gross weight of three thousand pounds or
 10 more shall be equipped with a separate, auxiliary means of
 11 applying the brakes on the semitrailer, travel trailer, or
 12 trailer coach from the cab of the towing vehicle. This Act
 13 shall apply to all new and used travel trailers sold after
 14 July 1, 1971 and on all registered travel trailers after De-
 15 cember 1, 1973. Trailers or semitrailers with a truck or
 16 truck tractor need only comply with the brake requirements.

EXPLANATION

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 18 This bill changes the definition of "travel trailer" to
 19 exclude weight limitations and increases the length of such
 20 vehicles from twenty-eight feet to thirty-two feet. It al-
 21 lows special plates and registration for travel trailer dealers
 22 and increases the annual registration fee, beginning in 1972,
 23 from fifteen cents per square foot to twenty cents per square
 24 foot.

25 The bill reduces the maximum speed for motor vehicles
 26 pulling travel trailers on interstate highways from seventy-
 27 five miles per hour to sixty-five miles per hour.

28 The bill also requires that travel trailers sold after
 29 July 1, 1971, be equipped with weight equalizing hitches with
 30 sway control. The equipment will also be required on all
 31 trailers registered in 1973.

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- 1 Amend House File 386 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 4, line 16 by striking the word "sixty-
- 3 five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty-
- 4 five".
- 5 2. Page 5, line 13 by inserting after the word
- 6 "sold" the words "or rented".

Offered from the floor
and lost
May 24, 1971

By SMALL of Johnson
District 69

House

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 386

- 1 Amend House File 386, page 4, line 34, by inserting after
- 2 the word "trailer" the following: "of a gross weight of
- 3 three thousand pounds or more".

Received from the Senate and concurred
June 17, 1971

- 1 Amend House File 386 as follows:
- 2 Page 4, line 34, by inserting after the word "trailer"
- 3 the words "of a gross weight of three thousand pounds or more".

Filed and adopted.
June 16, 1971

By KEITH
DE KOSTER

Senate

- 1 Amend House File 386, page 3, by striking line 35 and
- 2 inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 3 "~~not more than twenty-eight~~ between twenty and thirty-
- 4 two feet in length, and sixty miles per hour for any
- 5 motor vehicle drawing such a trailer the length of which
- 6 is less than twenty feet, including".

Filed and lost.
June 16, 1971

By VAN DRIE

Senate