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TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE FILE 208

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring use of seat belts in truck beds by minors and
2 making existing penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.445, Code 1995, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A person under the age of eighteen
4 shall not ride, and an operator shall not permit a person
5 under the age of eighteen to ride, in the open bed of a motor
6 truck or in an unenclosed area of a motor vehicle on a highway
7 unless the person is properly seated on a seat and wearing a
8 properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or safety harness
9 which meets the requirements of subsection 1. This section
10 does not apply to a motor vehicle operated as part of a
11 parade, a motorcycle or moped, a military motor vehicle, an
12 authorized emergency vehicle, an implement of husbandry, or a
13 motor vehicle used to transport hunters and hunting dogs
14 during hunting activities.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill prohibits a person under the age of 18 from
17 riding in the open bed of a truck, i.e., the back of a pickup,
18 without being properly seated and wearing a seat belt. The
19 bill does not apply to persons under the age of 18 who are
20 participating in a parade, motorcycles or mopeds, a military
21 motor vehicle, an authorized emergency vehicle, an implement
22 of husbandry, or a vehicle used for hunting. A violation is
23 punishable as a simple misdemeanor and carries a scheduled
24 fine of \$10.

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