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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring bicycles to be equipped with an orange flag when  
2 operated on streets or highways having speed limits of twenty-  
3 five miles per hour or greater and providing a penalty.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.234, Code 1997, is amended by  
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. When operated on a street or highway  
4 having a speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour or greater,  
5 a bicycle shall be equipped with a bicycle safety flag which  
6 extends not less than five feet above the ground and is  
7 attached to the bicycle behind the rider. The flag shall be  
8 triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty  
9 square inches and be blaze orange in color.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill requires bicycles operated on streets or highways  
12 having speed limits of 25 miles per hour or greater to be  
13 equipped with a blaze orange, triangular flag of at least 30  
14 square inches in area. The bill requires the flag to extend  
15 at least five feet above the ground and be mounted on the  
16 bicycle to the rear of the rider. A violation of this  
17 provision is a simple misdemeanor.

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