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HOUSE FILE 2521
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2256)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act specifying lighting equipment for snowplows, regulating
2 snowplow operations, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HOUSE FILE 2521

H-8235

1 Amend House File 2521 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 7, by striking the words "dual-
3 bulb," and inserting the following: "warning light
4 or".
5 2. Page 1, lines 8 and 9, by striking the words
6 ", mounted on the top of the vehicle".
7 3. Page 1, line 11, by inserting after the words
8 "activate the" the following: "warning light or".
By RICHARDSON of Warren

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.423A SNOWPLOWS AND SNOW
2 REMOVAL VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION.

3 1. All bid specifications for snowplows or other snow
4 removal vehicles purchased by the state or a political
5 subdivision of the state on or after July 1, 1998, shall
6 require that the vehicles be equipped to enhance visibility of
7 the vehicle by other motorists with a dual-bulb, rotating
8 beacon with three-hundred-sixty-degree visibility, mounted on
9 the top of the vehicle.

10 2. An operator of a snowplow or other snow removal vehicle
11 shall activate the rotating beacon when the snowplow blade is
12 attached to the vehicle.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill requires all public agency bid specifications for
15 new snowplows and other snow removal vehicles to be purchased
16 on or after July 1, 1998, to include a requirement that the
17 vehicles be equipped with a dual-bulb, rotating beacon mounted
18 on the top of the vehicle and visible over 360 degrees of
19 motion which must be activated when the snowplow is attached
20 to the vehicle. Failure to comply with the provisions of the
21 bill by a person preparing the bid specifications and
22 operating a snow removal vehicle would constitute a simple
23 misdemeanor pursuant to Code section 321.482.

24 The bill may contain a state mandate in accordance with
25 Code section 25B.2. Code section 25B.2 provides that a
26 political subdivision is not required to comply with a state
27 mandate unless funding for the cost of the state mandate is
28 provided or the percentage of the mandate which will be funded
29 is specified by the general assembly.

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**HOUSE FILE 2521
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **House File 2521** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 2521 requires snowplows and other snow removal vehicles purchased after July 1, 1998, to be equipped with a dual bulb, rotating beacon mounted on the top of the vehicle.

FISCAL IMPACT

House File 2521 will have no fiscal effect to the Department of Transportation since the required equipment is already standard.

The number of snowplows and related equipment purchased annually by local governments is unknown, the impact cannot be determined. The increased cost per vehicle is estimated to be \$410.

SOURCE

Department of Transportation
Iowa Association of Counties
League of Iowa Cities

(LSB 3028hv, DLR)

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BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

HOUSE FILE 2522

H-8402

1 Amend House File 2522 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 7, by inserting after the word
3 "test." the following: "The Iowa department of public
4 health, in consultation with the department of human
5 services and the council on chemically exposed infants
6 and children created in chapter 235C, shall adopt
7 rules specifying minimum standards for reliable
8 results of medically relevant tests and for risk-based
9 assessments performed under section 232.77, subsection
10 2. The rules shall include but not be limited to
11 standards which minimize the incidence of false
12 positive test results. The Iowa department of public
13 health shall maintain a list of laboratories which are
14 approved to perform medically relevant tests in
15 accordance with the standards adopted in
16 administrative rules."

By MURPHY of Dubuque

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