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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring use of safety belts in truck beds by minors
2 sixteen years of age and younger, making existing penalties
3 applicable, and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.445, Code 1997, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

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

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
17 1998.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill prohibits a person under the age of 17 from
20 riding in the open bed of a truck, while on public property or
21 on a highway without being properly seated and wearing a
22 safety belt. The bill does not apply to persons under the age
23 of 17 who are participating in a parade, motorcycles or
24 motorized bicycles, a military motor vehicle, an authorized
25 emergency vehicle, an implement of husbandry, or a vehicle
26 used for hunting. A violation is punishable as a simple
27 misdemeanor and carries a scheduled fine of \$10.

28 The bill takes effect January 1, 1998.

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