

SENATE FILE 2054  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring motor trucks and truck tractors to be equipped  
2 with outside mirrors on both sides of the vehicle and making a  
3 penalty applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.437, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror so  
4 located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for  
5 a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such  
6 vehicle. Any motor vehicle so loaded, or towing another  
7 vehicle in such manner, as to obstruct the view in a rear view  
8 mirror located in the driver's compartment shall be equipped  
9 with a side mirror so located that the view to the rear will  
10 not be obstructed however. However, when such vehicle is not  
11 loaded or towing another vehicle the side mirrors shall be  
12 retracted or removed. All van or van type motor vehicles  
13 shall be equipped with outside mirrors of unit magnification,  
14 each with not less than nineteen point five square inches of  
15 reflective surface, installed with stable supports on both  
16 sides of the vehicle, located so as to provide the driver a  
17 view to the rear along both sides of the vehicle, and  
18 adjustable in both the horizontal and vertical directions to  
19 view the rearward scene. All motor trucks and truck tractors  
20 shall be equipped with outside mirrors, which include a convex  
21 mirrored surface of not less than eight inches in diameter,  
22 installed with stable supports on both sides of the vehicle,  
23 located so as to provide the driver a view to the rear along  
24 both sides of the vehicle, and adjustable in both the  
25 horizontal and vertical directions to view the rearward scene.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires motor trucks and truck tractors to be  
28 equipped with outside mirrors on both sides of the vehicle.  
29 The mirrors are required to be adjustable horizontally and  
30 vertically and to include a convex mirrored surface of not  
31 less than eight inches in diameter. Motor trucks are defined  
32 as those motor vehicles designed primarily for carrying  
33 livestock, merchandise, freight of any kind, or over nine  
34 passengers. Truck tractors are defined as those motor  
35 vehicles designed and used primarily for drawing other

1 vehicles where the weight of the drawn vehicle and any load is  
2 distributed between the truck tractor and the drawn vehicle.  
3 Violation of this equipment requirement is a scheduled  
4 violation carrying a \$10 penalty under Code section 805.8,  
5 subsection 2, paragraph "c".

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