

SENATE FILE 38  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring flashing amber lights on motor vehicles used for  
2 snow removal, requiring a safety study by the department of  
3 transportation, and making existing penalties applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.423, Code 1997, is amended by  
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. GOVERNMENTAL SNOW REMOVAL VEHICLES.

4 A motor vehicle, owned by a governmental agency, and designed  
5 to be used for snow removal shall be equipped with flashing  
6 amber lights which shall be operational at all times when the  
7 vehicle is removing snow on highways, other than highways  
8 located in state or county parks. A violation of this  
9 subsection by the motor vehicle operator is a scheduled fine  
10 under section 805.8, subsection 2, paragraph "e".

11 Sec. 2. The state department of transportation shall study  
12 the issue of visibility of snow removal equipment and the use  
13 of such equipment and the effect on highway and traffic safety  
14 during snow removal. The study shall include an analysis of  
15 municipal and county snow removal practices. The department  
16 shall provide the general assembly with an analysis of the  
17 issues presented and any recommendations for safety  
18 improvements by January 15, 1998.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill requires that any motor vehicle owned by a  
21 governmental agency which is designed for snow removal must be  
22 equipped with flashing amber lights which must be operational  
23 at all times when the vehicle is removing snow on highways  
24 other than highways located in state or county parks. A  
25 violation of this provision by the motor vehicle operator is a  
26 scheduled fine of \$20.

27 The bill also directs the state department of  
28 transportation to study the issue of visibility of snow  
29 removal equipment, highway and traffic safety during snow  
30 removal, and municipal and county snow removal practices and  
31 to present recommendations to the general assembly by January  
32 15, 1998.

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