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SENATE FILE **419**
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 175)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to advertising devices in certain cities.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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S.F. 419

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 306C.13A LOCAL CONTROL IN
2 HISTORIC CITIES.

3 A city which has a majority of the buildings in the city
4 listed on the national register of historic buildings is
5 exempt from the provisions of this division of this chapter or
6 another chapter of the Code relating to the adoption of an
7 ordinance containing a city plan for the erection and
8 maintenance of advertising devices. The city may adopt its
9 own plan and in so doing shall consult with the department
10 during the development of the plan. The plan must comply with
11 the requirements of the federal Highway Beautification Act, 23
12 U.S.C. ch. 131.

13 Neither the state nor the department shall be liable for
14 damages resulting from the placement of advertising devices
15 pursuant to this section and not otherwise in compliance with
16 this chapter. However, the city shall assume the risks of any
17 damages caused by signs which do not comply with the manual on
18 uniform traffic-control devices adopted under section 321.252.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill authorizes a city which has a majority of its
21 buildings listed on the national register of historic
22 buildings to adopt its own plan for controlling the erection
23 and maintenance of advertising devices, which include signs,
24 billboards, and posters. The plan must comply with the
25 Highway Beautification Act, 23 U.S.C. ch. 131. The city must
26 consult with the department of transportation regarding the
27 plan but the state is not liable for any damages caused by
28 advertising devices which are erected and which are not in
29 compliance with department regulations. The city, however,
30 assumes the risk of damages caused by signs which do not
31 comply with the state department of transportation's manual on
32 uniform traffic-control devices.

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