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TRANSPORTATION

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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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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, 1999, shall
6 require that the vehicles be equipped to enhance visibility of
7 the vehicle by other motorists with a warning light or
8 rotating beacon with three-hundred-sixty-degree visibility.

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

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill requires all public agency bid specifications for
14 new snowplows and other snow removal vehicles which are
15 purchased on or after July 1, 1999, to include a requirement
16 that the vehicles be equipped with a warning light or rotating
17 beacon visible over 360 degrees of motion which must be
18 activated when the snowplow is attached to the vehicle.
19 Failure to comply with the provisions of the bill by a person
20 preparing the bid specifications and operating a snow removal
21 vehicle would constitute a simple misdemeanor pursuant to Code
22 section 321.482.

23 The bill may contain a state mandate as defined in Code
24 section 25B.3.

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