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HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON WELTER)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to weight restrictions on certain implements of  
2 husbandry and providing for a study.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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 2 manufacturers and distributors of implements of husbandry,  
 3 agricultural associations, and the Iowa state association of  
 4 counties, complete the study described in 1999 Iowa Acts,  
 5 chapter 108, section 12, as it pertains to tracked vehicles.  
 6 The department shall report its findings and recommendations  
 7 to the general assembly by December 1, 2000.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill amends Code section 321.463, relating to the  
 10 maximum gross weight allowed for vehicles operated on the  
 11 highways of this state, by modifying the weight restrictions  
 12 enacted by the 1999 Session of the General Assembly relating  
 13 to fence-line feeders, grain carts, and tank wagons  
 14 manufactured on or after July 1, 2001, and, after July 1,  
 15 2005, to all such vehicles. The bill eliminates a provision  
 16 allowing a 20 percent tolerance over the maximum weight  
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 18 line feeders, grain carts, and tank wagons, replacing it with  
 19 set weight restrictions. The bill provides that the weight on  
 20 any one axle of a fence-line feeder, grain cart, or tank wagon  
 21 shall not exceed 24,000 pounds from February 1 through May 31  
 22 or 28,000 pounds from June 1 through January 31, provided,  
 23 however, that the maximum gross vehicle weight of the vehicle  
 24 shall not exceed 96,000 pounds.

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 26 tank wagon shall comply with the weight restrictions for other  
 27 vehicles over bridges. A local authority may issue a special  
 28 permit, based on a statewide standard developed by the state  
 29 department of transportation, for the operation of a fence-  
 30 line feeder, grain cart, or tank wagon over a bridge within  
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HOUSE FILE 2368  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 660)

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1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 4, paragraph b,  
2 Code Supplement 1999, is amended by striking the paragraph and  
3 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 b. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to  
5 the contrary, the weight on any one axle of a fence-line  
6 feeder, grain cart, or tank wagon operated on the highways of  
7 this state shall not exceed twenty-four thousand pounds from  
8 February 1 through May 31 or twenty-eight thousand pounds from  
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10 gross vehicle weight of the fence-line feeder, grain cart, or  
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14 operated over a bridge in this state. A local authority may  
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16 developed by the department, allowing the operation over a  
17 bridge within its jurisdiction of a fence-line feeder, grain  
18 cart, or tank wagon with a weight in excess of the weights  
19 allowed under this chapter.

20 (2) For purposes of this paragraph "b", "highway" does not  
21 include a bridge.

22 For purposes of this paragraph "b", "fence-line feeder,  
23 grain cart, or tank wagon" means all of the following:

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25 manufactured on or after July 1, 2001.

26 (b) After July 1, 2005, any fence-line feeder, grain cart,  
27 or tank wagon.

28 The year of manufacture of a fence-line feeder, grain cart,  
29 or tank wagon manufactured on or after July 1, 2001, shall be  
30 permanently made a part of the identification plate on the  
31 vehicle. Fraudulently altering or defacing or attempting to  
32 fraudulently alter or deface the year of manufacture or other  
33 product identification number on a fence-line feeder, grain  
34 cart, or tank wagon is a violation of section 321.92.

35 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY STUDY. The state

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## HOUSE FILE 2368

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1 Amend House File 2368 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the  
3 following:

4 "Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 32,  
5 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code supplement 1999, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "Implement of husbandry" means a vehicle or special  
8 mobile equipment manufactured, designed, or  
9 reconstructed for agricultural purposes and, except  
10 for incidental uses, exclusively used in the conduct  
11 of agricultural operations. "Implements of husbandry"  
12 includes all-terrain vehicles operated in compliance  
13 with section 321.234A, fence-line feeders, and  
14 vehicles used exclusively for the application of  
15 organic or inorganic plant food materials, organic  
16 agricultural limestone, or agricultural chemicals. To  
17 be considered an implement of husbandry, a self-  
18 propelled implement of husbandry must be operated at  
19 speeds of thirty-five miles per hour or less, except  
20 that a self-propelled implement of husbandry equipped  
21 with air brakes may be operated at speeds up to forty  
22 miles per hour. "Reconstructed" as used in this  
23 subsection means materially altered from the original  
24 construction by the removal, addition, or substitution  
25 of essential parts, new or used.

26 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 321.383, subsection 2, Code  
27 Supplement 1999, is amended to read as follows:

28 2. When operated on a highway in this state at a  
29 speed of thirty-five miles per hour or less, every  
30 farm tractor, or tractor with towed equipment, self-  
31 propelled implement of husbandry, road construction or  
32 maintenance vehicle, road grader, horse-drawn vehicle,  
33 or any other vehicle principally designed for use off  
34 the highway and any such tractor, implement, vehicle,  
35 or grader when manufactured for sale or sold at retail  
36 after December 31, 1971, shall be identified with a  
37 reflective device in accordance with the standards of  
38 the American society of agricultural engineers;  
39 however, this provision shall not apply to such  
40 vehicles when traveling in an escorted parade. A  
41 self-propelled implement of husbandry equipped with  
42 air brakes which is operated at speeds up to forty  
43 miles per hour on a highway in this state shall also  
44 be identified with the reflective device. If a person  
45 operating a vehicle drawn by a horse or mule objects  
46 to using a reflective device that complies with the  
47 standards of the American society of agricultural  
48 engineers for religious reasons, the vehicle may be  
49 identified by an alternative reflective device that is  
50 in compliance with rules adopted by the department.

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1 The reflective device or alternative reflective device  
2 shall be visible from the rear. A vehicle other than  
3 those specified in this section shall not display a  
4 reflective device or an alternative reflective device.  
5 On Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on  
6 vehicles operating at speeds above thirty-five miles  
7 per hour, the reflective device or alternative  
8 reflective device shall be removed or hidden from  
9 view."

10 2. Title page, line 1, by striking the words  
11 "weight restrictions on certain".

12 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By DRAKE of Pottawattamie

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BRENT SIEGRIST  
Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2368, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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ELIZABETH ISAACSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 3/31, 2000

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor