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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reflective devices on slow-moving vehicles.

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

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TRANSPORTATION

1 Section 1. Section 321.288, subsection 5, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. When approaching and passing a slow moving vehicle
4 displaying a reflective device or alternative reflective
5 device as provided by section 321.383.

6 Sec. 2. Section 321.383, subsections 2 and 3, Code 1999,
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 2. When operated on a highway in this state at a speed of
9 thirty miles per hour or less, every farm tractor, or tractor
10 with towed equipment, self-propelled implement of husbandry,
11 road construction or maintenance vehicle, road grader, horse-
12 drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle principally designed for
13 use off the highway and any such tractor, implement, vehicle,
14 or grader when manufactured for sale or sold at retail after
15 December 31, 1971, shall be identified with a reflective
16 device in accordance with the standards of the American
17 society of agricultural engineers; however, this provision
18 shall not apply to such vehicles when traveling in any an
19 escorted parade. If a person operating a vehicle specified in
20 this section objects to using a reflective device that
21 complies with the standards of the American society of
22 agricultural engineers for religious reasons, the vehicle may
23 be identified by an alternative reflective device that is in
24 the shape of a circle and is not less than twelve inches in
25 diameter. The reflective device or alternative reflective
26 device shall be visible from the rear. A vehicle other than
27 those specified in this section shall not display a reflective
28 device or an alternative reflective device. On vehicles
29 operating at speeds above thirty miles per hour, the
30 reflective device or alternative reflective device shall be
31 removed or hidden from view.

32 3. Garbage collection vehicles, when operated on the
33 streets or highways of this state at speeds of thirty miles
34 per hour or less, may display a reflective device that
35 complies with the standards of the American society of

1 agricultural engineers or with the requirements specified in
2 subsection 2 for alternative reflective devices. At speeds in
3 excess of thirty miles per hour the device shall not be
4 visible.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill amends Code section 321.383 to provide that a
7 slow-moving vehicle may be equipped with an alternative
8 reflective device that is circular and not less than 12 inches
9 in diameter if the person operating the vehicle objects for
10 religious reasons to using a reflective device that complies
11 with the standards of the American society of agricultural
12 engineers. Currently, rules adopted by the department of
13 transportation require that a reflective device on a slow-
14 moving vehicle comply with a designated standard of the
15 American society of agricultural engineers. The standard
16 specifies that the device be triangular. Persons who violate
17 the requirements pertaining to reflective devices on slow-
18 moving vehicles are subject to a scheduled fine of \$20 under
19 Code section 805.8.

20 The bill also makes a corresponding amendment to a
21 provision in Code section 321.288 which requires persons
22 operating motor vehicles to reduce their speed when
23 approaching and passing a slow-moving vehicle.

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