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HF 2330

SENATE FILE  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DRAKE)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 An Act relating to the regulation of certain low-speed vehicles  
2 and making a penalty applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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6 and traffic safety administration standards for low-speed  
7 vehicles in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500. A low-speed vehicle which is  
8 in compliance with the equipment requirements in 49 C.F.R. §  
9 571.500 shall be deemed to be in compliance with all equipment  
10 requirements of this chapter.

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12 1999, is amended to read as follows:

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35 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 321.381A OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED

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22 registration fee for electric motor vehicles than for other  
23 motor vehicles.

24 The bill also prohibits low-speed vehicles from being  
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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

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BRENT SIEGRIST  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and  
is known as Senate File 2330, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved 3/9, 2000

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor