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Approved May 10, 1999

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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SF 352

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, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
7 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 drawn by a  
20 horse or mule 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 compliance with rules adopted by the department. The  
25 reflective device or alternative reflective device shall be  
26 visible from the rear. A vehicle other than those specified  
27 in this section shall not display a reflective device or an  
28 alternative reflective device. On vehicles operating at  
29 speeds above thirty miles per hour, the reflective device or  
30 alternative reflective device shall be removed or hidden from  
31 view.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill amends Code section 321.383 to provide that a  
34 slow-moving vehicle drawn by a horse or mule may be equipped  
35 with an alternative reflective device that complies with rules

1 adopted by the state department of transportation if the  
2 person operating the vehicle objects for religious reasons to  
3 using a reflective device that complies with the standards of  
4 the American society of agricultural engineers. Currently,  
5 rules adopted by the department of transportation require that  
6 a reflective device on a slow-moving vehicle comply with a  
7 designated standard of the American society of agricultural  
8 engineers. The standard specifies that the device be  
9 triangular. Persons who violate the requirements pertaining  
10 to reflective devices on slow-moving vehicles are subject to a  
11 scheduled fine of \$20 under Code section 805.8.

12 The bill also makes a corresponding amendment to a  
13 provision in Code section 321.288 which requires persons  
14 operating motor vehicles to reduce their speed when  
15 approaching and passing a slow-moving vehicle.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 352, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 10, 1999

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