

# House File 664 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing the use of a siren on the personal vehicles of  
2 certain volunteer fire fighters and making a penalty  
3 applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 2627YH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.433, Code 2007, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 321.433 SIRENS, WHISTLES, AND BELLS PROHIBITED.  
1 4 A vehicle shall not be equipped with and a person shall not  
1 5 use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as  
1 6 otherwise permitted in this section. It is permissible but  
1 7 not required that any commercial vehicle be equipped with a  
1 8 theft alarm signal device which is so arranged that it cannot  
1 9 be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal. Any  
1 10 authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren,  
1 11 whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under  
1 12 normal conditions from a distance of not less than five  
1 13 hundred feet, but the siren, whistle, or bell shall not be  
1 14 used except when the vehicle is operated in response to an  
1 15 emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or  
1 16 suspected violator of the law, and the driver of the vehicle  
1 17 shall sound the siren, whistle, or bell when necessary to warn  
1 18 pedestrians and other drivers of the approach of the vehicle.  
1 19 A person who is a member of a volunteer fire department, who  
1 20 has completed an emergency vehicle operators course approved  
1 21 by the department, may equip a personal motor vehicle with a  
1 22 siren, as provided for an authorized emergency vehicle, which  
1 23 shall not be used except when the vehicle is operated by the  
1 24 member of the volunteer fire department in response to an  
1 25 emergency call and the use of the siren is necessary to warn  
1 26 pedestrians and other drivers of the approach of the vehicle.

1 27 EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill allows a member of a volunteer fire department  
1 29 who has completed an approved emergency vehicle operators  
1 30 course to equip a personal motor vehicle with a siren. The  
1 31 bill specifies that the siren may only be used when the  
1 32 vehicle is driven by the volunteer fire fighter in response to  
1 33 an emergency call, and only as necessary to warn pedestrians  
1 34 and motorists of the approach of the vehicle.

1 35 A violation of a provision restricting the use of a siren  
2 1 on a motor vehicle is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20.

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