

# House File 847 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 277)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for operation of a motor vehicle  
2 in merging traffic and providing a penalty.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 2463HV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.319A DRIVERS REQUIRED TO  
1 2 MERGE.  
1 3 Notwithstanding section 321.319, where traffic lanes are  
1 4 provided for merging traffic, each driver of a vehicle on the  
1 5 converging roadways or lanes shall adjust the speed and  
1 6 lateral position of the vehicle as necessary to avoid a  
1 7 collision with any other vehicle and to facilitate safe entry  
1 8 of merging vehicles into the common lane. However, the driver  
1 9 of a vehicle traveling on any traffic lane, ramp, or  
1 10 converging roadway marked with a yield sign, stop sign, or  
1 11 other traffic control sign or signal shall obey such sign or  
1 12 signal.  
1 13 A person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty  
1 14 of a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation  
1 15 under section 805.8A, subsection 7, paragraph "b".  
1 16 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code  
1 17 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 18 b. For violations under sections 321.298, 321.307,  
1 19 321.308, 321.313, 321.319, 321.319A, 321.320, 321.321,  
1 20 321.327, 321.329, and 321.333, the scheduled fine is  
1 21 thirty-five dollars.

### EXPLANATION

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1 23 This bill describes the actions motorists must take when  
1 24 driving in merging traffic. Drivers on traffic lanes, ramps,  
1 25 or converging roadways are required to obey yield or stop  
1 26 signs where provided. In the absence of such signage, each  
1 27 driver of a vehicle on converging roadways or lanes shall  
1 28 adjust the speed and lateral position of the vehicle as  
1 29 necessary to avoid collisions and to facilitate safe merging  
1 30 of vehicles. A violation is punishable by a scheduled fine of  
1 31 \$35.  
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