

**Senate Study Bill 3008 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KREIMAN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning penalties for failure to obey an official  
2 traffic control device when the violation results in death  
3 or serious injury.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.482A, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding section 321.482, a person who is convicted  
4 of operating a motor vehicle in violation of section  
5 321.256, section 321.275, subsection 4, section 321.297,  
6 321.298, 321.299, 321.302, 321.303, 321.304, 321.305, 321.306,  
7 321.307, 321.308, section 321.309, subsection 2, or section  
8 321.311, 321.319, 321.320, 321.321, 321.322, 321.323, 321.323A,  
9 321.324, 321.324A, 321.327, 321.329, or 321.333 causing serious  
10 injury to or the death of another person may be subject to the  
11 following penalties in addition to the penalty provided for  
12 a scheduled violation in section 805.8A or any other penalty  
13 provided by law:

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill adds failure to obey an official traffic control  
16 device to the list of simple misdemeanor offenses that may be  
17 subject to additional fines and licensing sanctions if the  
18 violation causes injury or death. Currently, a motor vehicle  
19 operator convicted of failing to obey an official traffic  
20 control device is subject to a scheduled fine of \$35. Under  
21 the bill, if the violation causes serious injury to another  
22 person, the court may impose an additional fine of \$500 or  
23 driver's license suspension for up to 90 days, or both. For  
24 a violation which causes the death of a person, the court  
25 may impose an additional fine of \$1,000 or driver's license  
26 suspension for up to 180 days, or both.