House File 2442 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 2442 BY HALL

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to violations for failure to provide proof of
- 2 motor vehicle financial liability coverage, and including
- 3 effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

H.F. 2442

- 1 Section 1. FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF FINANCIAL LIABILITY
- 2 COVERAGE RULES. The department of transportation shall
- 3 initiate rulemaking to amend 761 IAC 615.1 to provide that a
- 4 violation of section 321.20B for failure to provide proof of
- 5 financial liability coverage is a moving violation.
- 6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
- 7 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 8 EXPLANATION
- 9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 11 Under current law, the department of transportation may
- 12 suspend a person's driver's license upon a showing that the
- 13 person is a habitual violator of the traffic laws. Pursuant
- 14 to administrative rules, a "habitual violator" is a person who
- 15 has been convicted of three or more moving violations committed
- 16 within a 12-month period. The accumulation of convictions
- 17 for moving violations may also lead to license revocation if
- 18 the person is determined to be a habitual offender. "Moving
- 19 violation" is defined in administrative rules as any violation
- 20 of motor vehicle laws, with certain exceptions including a
- 21 violation of Code section 321.20B for failure to provide
- 22 proof of financial liability coverage. This bill directs the
- 23 department of transportation to amend its rules by removing
- 24 that exception.
- 25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.