

**House File 264 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning the vehicle height limit for a flatbed  
2 trailer carrying a load of hay, straw, or stover.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.456, Code 2013, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321.456 Height of vehicles.**

4 1. A vehicle unladen or with load shall not exceed a height  
5 of thirteen feet, six inches, except ~~that~~ for the following:

6 a. A vehicle or combination of vehicles coupled together and  
7 used exclusively for the transportation of passenger vehicles,  
8 light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks, pickup trucks,  
9 or recreational vehicle chassis may operate with a height not  
10 to exceed fourteen feet.

11 b. A flatbed trailer being used to transport hay, straw, or  
12 stover may be moved on a noninterstate highway with a height  
13 not to exceed fourteen feet six inches.

14 2. This section shall not be construed to require any  
15 railroad or public authorities to provide sufficient vertical  
16 clearance to permit the operation of such vehicle upon the  
17 highways of this state. Any damage to highways, highway or  
18 railroad structures, or underpasses caused by the height of  
19 any vehicle provided for by this section shall be borne by the  
20 operator or owner of the vehicle.

21 EXPLANATION

22 Currently, the height limit established for vehicles  
23 operated on a highway is 13 feet, six inches. This bill raises  
24 the height limit to 14 feet, six inches, for flatbed trailers  
25 loaded with hay, straw, or stover when moved on a noninterstate  
26 highway.

27 Pursuant to current law, any damage to highways, highway or  
28 railroad structures, or underpasses caused by the height of  
29 a vehicle is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle.  
30 A person who operates a vehicle in violation of height  
31 restrictions is guilty upon conviction of a simple misdemeanor  
32 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$200.