

House File 243 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a person convicted of a school bus safety
2 violation for the first time to participate in a driver
3 improvement program in lieu of driver's license suspension,
4 and including effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SCHOOL BUS SAFETY VIOLATIONS — DRIVER
2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OPTION FOR FIRST OFFENSE. Notwithstanding
3 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1015, section 5, subsection 2, by
4 July 1, 2015, the department of transportation shall initiate
5 rulemaking to amend 761 IAC 615.43 to include a person who
6 is convicted of violating section 321.372, subsection 3, for
7 the first time among the persons who may be required, in lieu
8 of driver's license suspension, to attend and successfully
9 complete, at the person's own expense, a driver improvement
10 program approved by the department, subject to all other
11 provisions of 761 IAC 615.43.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Current rules provide that the department of transportation
18 (DOT) may require certain persons to participate in a driver
19 improvement program in lieu of driver's license suspension.
20 This bill requires the DOT to initiate rulemaking to include
21 persons convicted of a school bus safety violation for the
22 first time on the list of persons eligible to participate in
23 a driver improvement program.

24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.