## House File 256 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- ${\tt l}$  An Act relating to automated traffic law enforcement system
- 2 signage.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 321.1, Code 2015, is amended by adding
- 2 the following new subsection:
- NEW SUBSECTION. 06A. "Automated traffic law enforcement
- 4 system" means a device with one or more sensors working in
- 5 conjunction with one of the following:
- 6 a. An official traffic-control signal, to produce recorded
- 7 images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red
- 8 signal light.
- 9 b. A speed measuring device, to produce recorded images of
- 10 motor vehicles traveling at a prohibited rate of speed.
- ll c. A railroad grade crossing signal light, as described in
- 12 section 321.342, to produce images of vehicles violating the
- 13 signal light.
- d. Any official traffic-control device, if failure to comply
- 15 with the official traffic-control device constitutes a moving
- 16 violation under this chapter.
- 17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321.253C Automated traffic law
- 18 enforcement systems signage.
- 19 1. a. If the department or a local authority uses a fixed
- 20 automated traffic law enforcement system to monitor a street,
- 21 road, or highway in this state, the department or the local
- 22 authority shall post a permanent sign at least five hundred
- 23 feet, but no more than one thousand feet, in advance of the
- 24 location where the system is in use to advise drivers that the
- 25 system is in place.
- 26 b. If the department or a local authority uses a mobile
- 27 automated traffic law enforcement system to monitor a street,
- 28 road, or highway in this state, the department or the local
- 29 authority shall post a temporary sign at least five hundred
- 30 feet, but no more than one thousand feet, in advance of the
- 31 location where the system is in use to advise drivers that the
- 32 system is in place.
- 33 2. The signage required by this section shall be as
- 34 prescribed by the manual on uniform traffic-control devices
- 35 adopted by the department pursuant to section 321.252.

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- 1 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
- 2 3, shall not apply to this Act.
- 3 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 6 Current administrative rules require signage in advance
- 7 of the location of automated traffic law enforcement systems
- 8 located on roads under the jurisdiction of the department of
- 9 transportation (DOT). This bill codifies these provisions and
- 10 requires the DOT and local authorities to use such signage on
- 11 all streets, roads, and highways in the state.
- 12 The bill defines "automated traffic law enforcement system"
- 13 as a device with one or more sensors working in conjunction
- 14 with an official traffic-control signal, a speed measuring
- 15 device, a railroad grade crossing signal light, or any other
- 16 official traffic-control device.
- 17 The bill requires the DOT and local authorities to post signs
- 18 indicating the presence of an automated traffic law enforcement
- 19 system at least 500 feet, but no more than 1,000 feet, in
- 20 advance of the location of the system to advise drivers that
- 21 the system is in place. In addition, the bill provides that
- 22 fixed systems require permanent signage, and mobile systems
- 23 require temporary signage. The signage required shall be as
- 24 prescribed by the manual on uniform traffic-control devices
- 25 adopted by the DOT.
- 26 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
- 27 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
- 28 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
- 29 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
- 30 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
- 31 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state
- 32 mandate included in the bill.