

Senate Study Bill 3048 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to amber, blue, and white lighting devices
2 and reflectors on motor vehicles and equipment owned by
3 the department of transportation and used for snow and ice
4 treatment or removal.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.393, subsection 5, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. ~~a.~~ The provisions of **this section** shall not prohibit
4 the use of a lighting device or reflector displaying an amber,
5 white, or blue light when the lighting device or reflector is
6 rear-facing and mounted on a motor truck, trailer, tractor,
7 truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the
8 department while the equipment is being used for snow and ice
9 treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

10 ~~b. This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2019.~~

11 Sec. 2. Section 321.423, subsection 3, paragraph a,
12 subparagraph (4), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

13 (4) ~~(a)~~ A motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted
14 snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department if the
15 blue light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber
16 and white lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is
17 being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public
18 streets or highways.

19 ~~(b) This subparagraph (4) is repealed on July 1, 2019.~~

20 Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 7, paragraph a,
21 subparagraph (4), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

22 (4) ~~(a)~~ On a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted
23 snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department if the
24 white light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber
25 and blue lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is
26 being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public
27 streets or highways.

28 ~~(b) This subparagraph (4) is repealed on July 1, 2019.~~

29 Sec. 4. REPEAL. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 81, section 5, is
30 repealed.

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EXPLANATION

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

34 In 2015, the general assembly amended Code sections 321.393
35 (color and mounting) and 321.423 (flashing lights) to allow

1 the use of blue and white lighting devices and reflectors in
2 conjunction with amber lighting devices and reflectors on
3 certain motor vehicles and equipment owned by the department of
4 transportation and used for snow and ice treatment or removal.
5 Those provisions are set to be repealed effective July 1, 2019.
6 This bill strikes the future repeal provisions. The bill also
7 repeals a provision requiring the department of transportation
8 to submit a report to the general assembly prior to July 1,
9 2019, documenting the effectiveness of displaying blue and
10 white lighting devices on such vehicles and equipment.