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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 127)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to distance requirements for certain motor
2 vehicles following other vehicles.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.309, Code 2019, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.309 Towing —conveys.**

4 ~~1.~~ A person shall not pull or tow by motor vehicle, for
5 hire, another motor vehicle over any highway outside the limits
6 of any incorporated city, except in case of temporary movement
7 of a disabled motor vehicle to the place where repairs will be
8 made, unless the person has complied with the provisions of
9 sections 321.57 and 321.58. Provided, however, if the person
10 is a nonresident of the state of Iowa and has complied with
11 the laws of the state of that person's residence governing
12 licensing and registration as a transporter of motor vehicles,
13 the person shall not be required to pay the fee provided in
14 section 321.58 but only to submit proof of the person's status
15 as a bona fide manufacturer or transporter as may reasonably
16 be required by the department.

17 ~~2. A person pulling or towing by motor vehicle another~~
18 ~~motor vehicle in convoy or caravan shall maintain a distance~~
19 ~~of at least five hundred feet between the units of the convoy~~
20 ~~or caravan.~~

21 Sec. 2. Section 321.482A, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
22 2019, is amended to read as follows:

23 Notwithstanding section 321.482, a person who is convicted
24 of operating a motor vehicle in violation of section 321.178,
25 subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), section
26 321.180B, subsection 6, section 321.194, subsection 2,
27 paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), section 321.256, 321.257,
28 section 321.275, subsection 4, section 321.276, 321.297,
29 321.298, 321.299, 321.302, 321.303, 321.304, 321.305,
30 321.306, 321.307, ~~321.308, section 321.309, subsection 2,~~
31 ~~section 321.311, 321.319, 321.320, 321.321, 321.322, 321.323,~~
32 ~~321.324, 321.324A, 321.327, 321.329, 321.333, section 321.372,~~
33 ~~subsection 3, or section 321.449B, causing serious injury to~~
34 ~~or the death of another person may be subject to the following~~
35 ~~penalties in addition to the penalty provided for a scheduled~~

1 violation in [section 805.8A](#) or any other penalty provided by
2 law:

3 Sec. 3. Section 805.8A, subsection 7, paragraph d, Code
4 2019, is amended by striking the paragraph.

5 Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 321.308, Code 2019, is repealed.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 Under current law, Code section 321.307 prohibits the driver
10 of a motor vehicle from following another vehicle more closely
11 than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed
12 of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of
13 the highway. However, certain vehicles are subject to more
14 specific limitations. Code section 321.308 prohibits the
15 driver of a motor truck or a motor vehicle drawing another
16 vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or
17 residence district, from following within 300 feet of another
18 motor truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle. Code
19 section 321.309(2) requires a person pulling or towing by motor
20 vehicle another vehicle in a convoy or caravan to maintain a
21 distance of at least 500 feet between the units of the convoy
22 or caravan.

23 This bill repeals Code section 321.308, strikes Code section
24 321.309(2), and strikes the associated penalty provisions.