

**Senate File 428 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1179)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to distance requirements for electronically  
2 coordinated motor vehicles following in a sequence.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.308, Code 2019, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321.308 Motor trucks and towed vehicles — distance**  
4 **requirements.**

5 The driver of any motor truck, or of a motor vehicle drawing  
6 another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway, outside of a  
7 business or residence district shall not follow within three  
8 hundred feet of another motor truck, or of a motor vehicle  
9 drawing another vehicle. ~~The provisions of this~~ This section  
10 shall not be construed to prevent overtaking and passing nor  
11 shall the same. This section does not apply upon any lane  
12 specially designated for use by motor trucks, or to any motor  
13 vehicle following another motor vehicle in a sequence of two  
14 vehicles using technology and equipment that electronically  
15 coordinates the speed and brakes of the following vehicle with  
16 the speed and brakes of the lead vehicle.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 Under current law, the driver of a motor truck or motor  
21 vehicle drawing another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway  
22 outside of a business or residence district, is prohibited  
23 from following within 300 feet of another motor truck or motor  
24 vehicle drawing another vehicle. This bill exempts from the  
25 provision any motor vehicle following another motor vehicle  
26 in a sequence of two vehicles using technology and equipment  
27 that electronically coordinates the speed and brakes of  
28 the following vehicle with the speed and brakes of the lead  
29 vehicle. Such vehicles are still subject to Code section  
30 321.307, which prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from  
31 following another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and  
32 prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and  
33 the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

34 A violation of Code section 321.307 or 321.308 is punishable  
35 by a scheduled fine of \$100. The violations are also subject

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1 to additional penalties under Code section 321.482A if a  
2 violation causes serious injury or death. For a violation  
3 causing serious injury, the additional penalties include a fine  
4 of \$500 or suspension of the violator's driver's license and  
5 operating privileges for not more than 90 days, or both. For  
6 a violation causing death, the additional penalties include a  
7 fine of \$1,000 or suspension of the violator's driver's license  
8 or operating privileges for not more than 180 days, or both.