

Senate File 555 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1217)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to weight limitations for certain implements of
2 husbandry.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) ~~Self-propelled implements~~ Notwithstanding any
4 provision of this section to the contrary, the weight on
5 any one axle of a self-propelled implement of husbandry
6 used exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic
7 plant food materials, agricultural limestone, or agricultural
8 chemicals, unless traveling under a permit issued pursuant
9 to ~~section 321E.8A~~, operated on the highways of this state
10 shall be operated in compliance with ~~this section~~ not exceed
11 twenty-five thousand pounds.

12 (2) A self-propelled implement of husbandry used
13 exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic
14 plant food materials, agricultural limestone, or agricultural
15 chemicals shall comply with the other provisions of this
16 section and chapter when operated over a bridge in this state,
17 other than any provision limiting the weight on any one axle to
18 less than twenty-five thousand pounds. A local authority may
19 issue a special permit, based on a statewide standard developed
20 by the department, allowing the operation over a bridge
21 within its jurisdiction of such a self-propelled implement of
22 husbandry with a weight in excess of the weights allowed under
23 this chapter.

24 Sec. 2. Section 321E.3, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 1. Permits issued under ~~this chapter~~ shall be issued by
27 the authority responsible for the maintenance of the system of
28 highways or streets. However, the department may issue permits
29 on primary road extensions in cities in conjunction with
30 movements on the rural primary road system. The department
31 may issue an all-systems permit under ~~section 321E.8~~ which
32 is valid for movements on all highways or streets under the
33 jurisdiction of either the state or those local authorities
34 that have indicated to the department in writing, including by
35 means of electronic communication, those streets or highways

1 for which an all-systems permit is not valid. ~~The department~~
2 ~~may issue annual permits pursuant to section 321E.8A valid only~~
3 ~~for operation on noninterstate highways in counties stipulated~~
4 ~~in the permit.~~

5 Sec. 3. Section 321E.7, subsection 4, Code 2019, is amended
6 by striking the subsection.

7 Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 321E.8A, Code 2019, is repealed.

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EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill prohibits the weight on any one axle of a
12 self-propelled implement of husbandry used exclusively for
13 the application of organic or inorganic plant food materials,
14 agricultural limestone, or agricultural chemicals operated
15 on the highways from exceeding 25,000 pounds. Such a
16 self-propelled implement of husbandry must comply with the
17 other provisions of Code section 321.463 and Code chapter 321
18 when operated over a bridge, other than any provision limiting
19 the weight on any one axle to less than 25,000 pounds. The
20 bill authorizes a local authority to issue a special permit,
21 based on a statewide standard developed by the department of
22 transportation, allowing the operation over a bridge within
23 the local authority's jurisdiction of such a self-propelled
24 implement of husbandry with a weight in excess of the weights
25 allowed. A violation of Code section 321.463 is punishable
26 by a scheduled fine in the amounts set forth in Code section
27 321.463(11).

28 The bill repeals a provision authorizing overweight permits
29 for such self-propelled implements of husbandry originally
30 purchased or ordered prior to February 1, 2007, and strikes the
31 corresponding references to the provision.

32 Under Code section 321.1, an "implement of husbandry"
33 is a vehicle or special mobile equipment manufactured,
34 designed, or reconstructed for agricultural purposes and,
35 except for incidental uses, exclusively used in the conduct of

1 agricultural operations. "Implements of husbandry" includes
2 certain all-terrain vehicles, fence-line feeders, and vehicles
3 used exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic
4 plant food materials, organic agricultural limestone, or
5 agricultural chemicals. To be considered an implement of
6 husbandry, a self-propelled implement of husbandry must be
7 operated at speeds of 35 miles per hour or less.