A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to lighting devices and reflectors on snow
2 plows.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
Section 1. Section 321.393, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2019, are amended to read as follows:

4. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the use of a lighting device or reflector displaying an amber light when such lighting device or reflector is mounted on a motor truck, trailer, tractor, or motor grader owned by the state, or any political subdivision of the state, or any municipality therein including any local authority, while such equipment is being used for snow removal, sanding, maintenance, or repair of the public streets or highways.

5. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the use of a lighting device or reflector displaying an amber, white, or blue light when the lighting device or reflector is rear-facing and mounted on a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department state or any political subdivision of the state, including any local authority, while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

Sec. 2. Section 321.423, subsection 3, paragraph a, subparagraph (4), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(4) A motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department state or any political subdivision of the state, including any local authority, if the blue light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber and white lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 7, paragraph a, subparagraph (4), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(4) On a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department state or any political subdivision of the state, including any local authority, if the white light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber and blue lighting devices or reflectors.
while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

EXPLANATION

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

In 2015, the general assembly authorized motor trucks, trailers, tractors, truck-mounted snow blowers, and motor graders owned by the department of transportation and used for snow and ice treatment or removal to display rear-facing blue and white lighting devices or reflectors in conjunction with amber lighting devices or reflectors. These authorizations were set to be repealed July 1, 2019. In 2018, the general assembly struck these future repeal provisions.

This bill applies those authorizations to such vehicles owned by the state or any political subdivision of the state, including any local authority. Under Code chapter 321, a "local authority" is any county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the constitution and laws of the state.