

Senate Study Bill 1047 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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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:

1 Section 1. Section 321.393, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2019,
2 are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

31 (4) On a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted
32 snow blower, or motor grader owned by the ~~department~~ state or
33 any political subdivision of the state, including any local
34 authority, if the white light is rear-facing and used in
35 conjunction with amber and blue lighting devices or reflectors

1 while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or
2 removal on the public streets or highways.

3 EXPLANATION

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

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

14 This bill applies those authorizations to such vehicles
15 owned by the state or any political subdivision of the
16 state, including any local authority. Under Code chapter
17 321, a "local authority" is any county, municipal, and other
18 local board or body having authority to adopt local police
19 regulations under the constitution and laws of the state.