

**House File 68 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to lighting devices and other equipment 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 2021,  
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 2021, 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 2021, 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.

20 Under current law, a violation of Code section 321.393 is  
21 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$30 and a violation of Code  
22 section 321.423 is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$45.