

House File 199 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 36)

(COMPANION TO SF 154 BY
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting hydroexcavation equipment from certain size,
2 weight, load, and permit requirements on highways.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.453, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Hydroexcavation equipment used primarily
4 for digging and excavation when moved or moving upon a highway
5 that is not a portion of the interstate.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 Code section 321.453(1) exempts certain motor vehicles and
10 equipment from most provisions of Code chapter 321 (motor
11 vehicles and law of the road) governing size, weight, and load,
12 and the permit requirements of Code chapter 321E (vehicles of
13 excessive size and weight). Such motor vehicles and equipment
14 include fire apparatus, certain road maintenance equipment,
15 implements of husbandry when moved or moving upon a highway
16 that is not a portion of the interstate, and certain equipment
17 used primarily for construction of permanent conservation
18 practices on agricultural land when moved or moving upon a
19 highway that is not a portion of the interstate. This bill
20 adds hydroexcavation equipment used primarily for digging and
21 excavation to the list of exempt motor vehicles and equipment,
22 when such vehicles are moved or moving upon a highway that is
23 not a portion of the interstate.

24 Motor vehicles and equipment listed in Code section
25 321.453(1) are not exempt from the provisions of Code section
26 321.463 (maximum gross weight), 321.471 (restrictions by local
27 authorities), or 321.474 (restrictions by the department of
28 transportation), which include a number of weight restrictions
29 and certain permit provisions.

30 Under Code section 321.453(2), exempted implements of
31 husbandry and agricultural conservation equipment are subject
32 to additional lighting, warning flag, and time-of-day operation
33 requirements. The bill does not add hydroexcavation equipment
34 to this provision.