

**House File 2417 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain motor vehicle equipment, including  
2 required signage regarding such equipment, and making  
3 penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.447 Remote disabling  
2 prohibited.

3 A person shall not operate a motor vehicle equipped with a  
4 system or technology capable of remotely disabling the vehicle  
5 while the vehicle is being operated.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321.448 AM radio required.

7 A person shall not operate a motor vehicle unless the vehicle  
8 is equipped with a functional radio capable of receiving  
9 commercial radio station transmissions utilizing amplitude  
10 modulation technology between the frequencies of five hundred  
11 forty kilohertz and one thousand seven hundred kilohertz.

12 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 321.448A Signs required.

13 The department shall post permanent signs, meeting the  
14 specified requirements in the department manual on uniform  
15 traffic-control devices, giving notice of the motor vehicle  
16 equipment prohibited under section 321.447 and required under  
17 section 321.448 at the location where any highway enters the  
18 boundaries of this state.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle  
23 in Iowa if the vehicle is equipped with a system or technology  
24 capable of remotely disabling the vehicle while the vehicle is  
25 being operated.

26 The bill requires every motor vehicle operated in Iowa to be  
27 equipped with a functional radio capable of receiving certain  
28 commercial radio station transmissions (AM radio).

29 By operation of law, a person who operates a motor vehicle  
30 equipped with a vehicle-disabling system or technology and  
31 a person who operates a motor vehicle without a functional  
32 AM radio equipped commits a simple misdemeanor. A simple  
33 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30  
34 days and a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855.

35 The department of transportation is required to post

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1 permanent signs, meeting the specified requirements in the  
2 department manual on uniform traffic-control devices, giving  
3 notice of the prohibition against operating a motor vehicle  
4 equipped with a vehicle-disabling system or technology and the  
5 requirement for a motor vehicle to be equipped with an AM radio  
6 at the location where any highway enters the boundaries of  
7 Iowa.