HOUSE FILE 2452 BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2092)

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to motor grader operator training.
 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 309.21A Motor grader operator
2 training.

1. A county, including the board of supervisors and the 4 county engineer, shall not employ a person to operate a motor 5 grader unless the person completes motor grader operator 6 training before the person operates a motor grader. This 7 subsection applies to persons employed to operate a motor 8 grader for the purpose of maintaining secondary roads if the 9 person has fewer than five years of experience operating a 10 motor grader. This subsection does not apply to persons 11 employed by a landfill who operate a motor grader for purposes 12 other than maintaining secondary roads.

13 2. Motor grader operator training must include a minimum 14 of six hours of training in a classroom setting and a minimum 15 of six hours of training operating a motor grader under the 16 supervision of an experienced motor grader operator. Training 17 must be provided by the Iowa local technical assistance program 18 offered by the institute for transportation of the Iowa state 19 university of science and technology, or by a county if the 20 training is substantially similar, and must include but is not 21 limited to the concepts described in subsection 3.

3. Motor grader operator training must include but is not 23 limited to all of the following:

24 a. Ideal roadway profile designs and application.

25 b. Proper grading techniques to ensure sufficient drainage26 on roadways.

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Standard roadway and shoulder maintenance methods. EXPLANATION

29The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with30the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill prohibits a county from employing a person to operate a motor grader to maintain secondary roads unless the person completes motor grader operator training if the person has fewer than five years of experience.

35 Motor grader operator training must include at least six

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1 hours of training in a classroom setting focusing on ideal 2 roadway profile designs and application, proper grading 3 techniques, and standard roadway and shoulder maintenance 4 methods. Motor grader operator training must also include at 5 least six hours of training behind the wheel of a motor grader 6 under the supervision of an experienced motor grader operator. 7 Under the bill, motor grader operator training must be 8 provided by the Iowa local technical assistance program 9 offered by the institute for transportation of the Iowa state 10 university of science and technology, or by a county if the 11 training is substantially similar.

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