

Senate File 2036 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring pilot car escorts for the movement of certain
2 implements of husbandry, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.383, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b",
4 a pilot car shall accompany an implement of husbandry being
5 operated on a highway if the width of the implement of husbandry
6 exceeds twenty-two feet or if any part of the implement of
7 husbandry extends over or beyond the center of the roadway.

8 (1) A pilot car shall lead an implement of husbandry being
9 operated on a two-lane highway with only one lane in each
10 direction of travel.

11 (2) A pilot car shall follow an implement of husbandry being
12 operated on a highway with more than one lane in each direction
13 of travel or with three lanes.

14 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to an implement of husbandry
15 being operated for one mile or less on a primary road,
16 farm-to-market road, or paved secondary road.

17 **EXPLANATION**

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

20 Under current law, the size, weight, and load requirements
21 under Code chapter 321 (motor vehicles and law of the road) do
22 not apply to implements of husbandry when moved upon a highway
23 that is not part of the interstate road system, with certain
24 exceptions. Additionally, the vehicle equipment requirements
25 under Code chapter 321 do not apply to implements of husbandry,
26 except as made applicable in Code section 321.383, including as
27 amended by this bill.

28 The bill requires a pilot car to accompany an implement
29 of husbandry being operated on a highway if the width of the
30 implement of husbandry exceeds 22 feet or if any part of the
31 implement of husbandry extends over or beyond the center of
32 the roadway. A pilot car must lead an implement of husbandry
33 being operated on a two-lane highway with only one lane in each
34 direction of travel. A pilot car must follow when an implement
35 of husbandry is being operated on a highway with more than one

1 lane in each direction of travel or with three lanes.

2 The pilot car requirement does not apply to an implement of
3 husbandry being operated for one mile or less on a primary road,
4 farm-to-market road, or paved secondary road.

5 Pursuant to Code section 321.383(4), a violation of the bill
6 is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a \$45 scheduled fine.

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