

CHAPTER 119

LIGHTS ON VEHICLES

AN ACT requiring all horse drawn vehicles and all other vehicles not now required to have lights, when on the highways of this state, to provide a light on said vehicles to be visible at a distance of two hundred (200) feet from the rear.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. All horse drawn and all other vehicles not now included
2 in section fifty hundred forty-four (5044), code, 1927, shall, during
3 the period of from one (1) hour after sunset to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour
4 before sunrise, when on the highways of this state, display one (1)
5 or more white or tinted lights or red reflector or reflectors on said
6 vehicle and same shall be of sufficient illuminating power to be visible
7 at a distance of two hundred (200) feet from the rear.

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CHAPTER 120

MOTOR TRUCKS AND BUSES

AN ACT to define certain terms relating to motor vehicles and traffic on highways, to limit the height of motor vehicles and loads thereon, to limit the minimum spacing of axles on vehicles, to limit the total maximum length of motor vehicles and combinations of vehicles, to prescribe the minimum spacing of combination of motor vehicles on the highways, to limit the distance a load on a passenger motor vehicle may project, to require lights on the sides of certain vehicles or combinations thereof, and to amend section five thousand sixty-five (5065) of the code, 1927, as amended by section two (2) of chapter twenty-five (25), acts of the forty-third (43rd) general assembly, relating to the total maximum weight of motor vehicles and loads thereon; to provide for the operation, until December 31, 1934, of motor vehicles licensed on or before February 16, 1931; to provide for the issuance of permits for certain exceptions; and to amend chapter one hundred twenty-eight (128), acts of the forty-third (43rd) general assembly, relating to speed of freight carrying motor vehicles upon the highways and to amend section five thousand one hundred five a-34 (5105-a34) of the code of 1927, relating to the speed of motor vehicle carriers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The words "combination" or "combination of
2 vehicles" as used in this act shall be construed to mean a group con-
3 sisting of two or more motor vehicles, or a group consisting of a
4 motor vehicle and one or more trailers, semi-trailers or vehicles,
5 which are coupled or fastened together for the purpose of being
6 moved on the highways as a unit.
7 (b) The word "semi-trailer" as used in this act shall be construed
8 to mean a vehicle of the trailer type so designated and used in con-
9 junction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and
10 that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.
11 (c) The word "reflector" when used in this act shall mean a
12 device to give an indication to an approaching motorist by the re-
13 flection of the light from the head lamp or head lamps of such ap-
14 proaching vehicle, of such construction as to reflect a ray of light of
15 not less than five one hundredths (.05) candle power when placed at
16 a distance of one hundred (100) feet from the head lamp or lamps

17 of an approaching vehicle, which head lamp or lamps comply with
18 section 5044 of the 1927 code of Iowa, with the axis of such reflector
19 in the center of the beam of such approaching light; and which will
20 reflect a ray of light of not less than three one hundredths (.03)
21 candle power when placed in the same position and turned on a per-
22 pendicular axis twenty (20) degrees to the right or left or on a
23 horizontal axis ten (10) degrees forward or backward.

1 SEC. 2. No motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which with or
2 without load exceeds twelve feet in height, shall be operated on the
3 highways of this state.

1 SEC. 3. No motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer having axles less
2 than forty inches apart center to center, shall be operated on the
3 highways of this state.

1 SEC. 4. No motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or vehicle, except
2 fire fighting apparatus, which exceeds thirty (30) feet in length over
3 all, nor any combination of such vehicles coupled together, which
4 exceeds forty-five (45) feet in length over all, shall be operated on
5 the highways of this state.

6 Provided, however, that motor vehicles engaged exclusively in car-
7 rying passengers and mail or light express, under a certificate of
8 convenience and necessity issued by the board of railroad commis-
9 sioners of the state of Iowa, under the provisions of chapter 252-A1,
10 code, 1927, shall be permitted to operate on the highways of this state
11 if the maximum length over all does not exceed thirty-three (33)
12 feet.

13 Construction equipment or material which exceeds the limits of
14 size or weight specified in this act may be moved over the highways,
15 after first securing the approval of the board or body in control of
16 such highways, or its authorized representative.

17 Provided that permits issued under section nine (9) hereof for the
18 operation of combinations, which include a trailer or semi-trailer
19 more than thirty (30) feet in length, shall terminate on December
20 thirty-first (31), nineteen hundred thirty-one (1931).

1 SEC. 5. If two or more motor vehicles or combinations more than
2 thirty (30) feet in length, are being operated, moved, or standing on
3 a highway outside the limits of any city or town, such motor vehicles
4 or combinations shall be so spaced as to allow a clear distance of at
5 least four hundred (400) feet between adjacent motor vehicles or
6 combinations at all times except when passing each other.

1 SEC. 6. No passenger motor vehicle shall carry any load extend-
2 ing beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of such vehicle.

1 SEC. 7. Every vehicle more than six (6) feet in width, measured
2 at the widest point of the vehicle or load, shall carry on each of the
3 four (4) corners of the body an electric clearance lamp of not to
4 exceed four (4) candle power or a reflex reflector so placed as to
5 clearly outline the limits of the body; the said lamps or reflectors so
6 placed on the front of the same to cast or reflect a green ray of light
7 and said lamps or reflectors carried on the rear of the body to cast
8 or reflect a red ray of light; and any vehicle or combination of

9 vehicles of more than thirty-three (33) feet in length over all shall
10 display a white marker light of not to exceed four (4) candle power
11 or a white reflector on both right and left side at intervals of not to
12 exceed twenty (20) feet.

1 SEC. 8. That section five thousand sixty-five (5065) of the code,
2 1927, as amended by section two (2) of chapter twenty-five (25) of
3 the laws of the forty-third (43rd) general assembly, be amended as
4 follows:

5 By striking all of said section five thousand sixty-five (5065) fol-
6 lowing the word "weight" in line five (5) thereof and substituting in
7 lieu thereof the following: "of any vehicle or combination of vehicles
8 and load shall not in any event exceed twelve (12) tons plus four
9 hundred fifty (450) pounds for each foot, or fraction thereof, of dis-
10 tance between the front and rear axles of the vehicle or first and
11 last axles of a combination of vehicles. Two or more wheels on the
12 same end of a given axle shall be considered as one wheel.

1 SEC. 9. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles which, on Febru-
2 ary 16, 1931, was licensed in this state as a vehicle, a combination
3 of vehicles, or part of a combination of vehicles, or any motor vehicle
4 transporting passengers for hire which was licensed in any other
5 state and was on such date operated upon the highways of this state
6 in good faith, with the approval of the Iowa board of railroad com-
7 missioners under the provisions of chapter 252-A1 or 252-A2 of the
8 code of Iowa, 1927, shall be allowed to continue to operate upon the
9 highways of this state until December 31, 1934, notwithstanding the
10 provisions of this act, upon obtaining a permit from the Iowa state
11 highway commission; application for which, including the complete
12 description of such vehicle or combination of vehicles, shall be filed
13 with said commission within thirty (30) days from the date this act
14 is approved by the governor.

1 SEC. 10. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business
2 of hauling bridge material, telephone and telegraph poles, or any
3 other material for structural work which requires the use of a truck,
4 or truck and trailer of a length in excess of these specified in section
5 four (4) hereof, may transport such material provided such person,
6 firm or corporation shall first secure a permit from the board or body
7 in control of said highways, or its authorized representative.

1 SEC. 11. That section two (2) of chapter one hundred twenty-
2 eight (128) of the acts of the forty-third (43rd) general assembly,
3 be amended by striking therefrom all of line twelve (12) to twenty
4 (20) inclusive, and substituting the following in lieu thereof: "a.
5 Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for any freight carrying vehicle which
6 is equipped with pneumatic tires.
7 b. Twenty (20) miles per hour for any freight carrying vehicle
8 equipped with solid rubber tires, if the weight of the vehicle and load
9 is less than six (6) tons, and twelve (12) miles per hour for any
10 freight carrying vehicle equipped with solid rubber tires, if the weight
11 of the vehicle and load is more than six (6) tons."

1 SEC. 12. That section five thousand one hundred five a34 (5105-
2 a34) of the code of 1927 be amended by striking from lines three (3)

3 and four (4) thereof the words "thirty-five" and substituting in lieu
4 thereof the words "forty-five".

5 And that said section be further amended by substituting a period
6 (.) for a comma (,) following the word "hour" in line four (4)
7 thereof and striking all of the remainder of said section.

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CHAPTER 121

RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SECONDARY ROADS

AN ACT to provide the right of way on secondary roads, to provide for the erection of signs on said roads and to provide a penalty for the violation of the directions embraced on said signs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. County trunk roads outside of cities and towns are
2 hereby designated as arterial highways.

1 SEC. 2. The traffic on such arterial highways shall have the right
2 of way over the traffic on any local county road intersecting there-
3 with. At the intersection of said arterial highways, the county board
4 of supervisors shall determine by the erection of signs, which traffic
5 shall have the right of way.

1 SEC. 3. At the intersection of such local county roads with ar-
2 terial highways the traffic of said side roads shall come to a stop
3 upon entering said arterial highways or may proceed cautiously with-
4 out coming to a stop as the county board of supervisors may deter-
5 mine.

1 SEC. 4. The county board of supervisors shall furnish, erect and
2 maintain suitable standard metal signs on side roads or streets di-
3 recting traffic thereon which is approaching a county trunk road to
4 stop or proceed cautiously as the case may be. The cost of such signs
5 shall be paid out of the county trunk road maintenance or construc-
6 tion fund. Traffic on such roads shall comply with such signs.

1 SEC. 5. The county board of supervisors shall, at places deemed
2 by them unusually dangerous on the local county roads, furnish and
3 erect suitable warning signs. The cost of such signs shall be paid
4 out of the county road maintenance or construction fund.

1 SEC. 6. Whoever fails to comply with such signs shall be guilty
2 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than twenty-five
3 dollars (\$25.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than
4 five (5) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SEC. 7. The state highway commission shall adopt a standard
2 uniform design for such signs, and forthwith give each board of
3 supervisors definite notice of the design so adopted, and the said
4 boards shall purchase, erect and maintain no other design. When-
5 ever practical, said signs shall be purchased from the board of control.