

CHAPTER 222

MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS POINT SYSTEM

S. F. 463

AN ACT to amend section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred ten (321.210), Code 1958, relating to the suspension of licenses to operate motor vehicles.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Amend section three hundred twenty-one point two
2 hundred ten (321.210), Code 1958, by adding a subsection thereto as
3 follows:

4 "Has committed a serious violation of the motor vehicle laws of
5 this state."

1 SEC. 2. Amend section three hundred twenty-one point two hun-
2 dred ten (321.210), Code 1958, by adding the following at the end
3 thereof:

4 "For the purpose of determining when to suspend a license under
5 this section the commissioner may, in accordance with the provisions
6 of chapter seventeen A (17A), Code 1958, promulgate a point system
7 for the purpose of weighing traffic convictions, or offenses by their
8 seriousness and may change such weighted scale from time to time
9 as experience or the accident frequency in the state makes necessary
10 or desirable.

11 "Prior to a suspension taking effect under subsections two (2),
12 three (3), four (4), five (5), or seven (7), the licensee shall have
13 received twenty (20) days advance notice of the effective date of the
14 suspension, and an appeal under the provisions of section three hun-
15 dred twenty-one point two hundred fifteen (321.215), Code 1958, shall
16 operate to stay the suspension pending the determination by the dis-
17 trict court.

18 "From and after the effective date of this Act, if the department
19 of public safety assesses any points against an operator or chauffeur
20 of a motor vehicle under any point system devised by the department
21 for the purpose of suspending operator's or chauffeur's licenses, the
22 licensee shall receive a credit of one (1) point for each year in which
23 the licensee had in continuous effect a valid operator's or chauffeur's
24 license and during which no points were assessed against such li-
25 censee, but such credit of points shall not exceed five (5) points at
26 any one time. Credit points shall be subtracted from the total points
27 assessed against the licensee in determining when to suspend a li-
28 cense.

29 "From and after the effective date of this Act, if the department
30 of public safety assesses any points against an operator or chauffeur
31 of a motor vehicle under any point system devised by the department
32 for the purpose of suspending operator's or chauffeur's licenses, the
33 department must notify the licensee by ordinary mail that such points
34 have been assessed and the reason therefor. Provided that no license
35 shall be suspended on the basis of any point system devised by the
36 department without notice of proposed suspension to the licensee and
37 a reasonable opportunity for a preliminary hearing before a member
38 of the department who shall have authority in meritorious cases to
39 revoke the suspension."

1 SEC. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred ten
2 (321.210), Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding the following
3 paragraph at the end thereof:

4 "However, a warning memorandum, summons, conviction or for-
5 feiture of bail, not vacated, for a violation of any section of the code
6 pertaining to the standards to be maintained for motor vehicle equip-
7 ment, shall not be taken into consideration in determining suspen-
8 sion or the length of suspension of an operator's or chauffeur's license
9 if the equipment in violation of the code has been repaired within
10 seventy-two (72) hours of such warning memorandum, summons,
11 conviction, or forfeiture of bail not vacated, and evidence of such
12 repair has immediately been sent to the commissioner."

1 SEC. 4. The safety commissioner may, on application, issue a
2 temporary restricted license to any person convicted whose regular
3 employment is the operation of a motor vehicle or who cannot per-
4 form his regular occupation without the use of a motor vehicle, but
5 such person shall not operate a vehicle for pleasure while holding
6 such restricted license. However, this section shall not apply to any
7 person whose license is revoked under the provisions of section three
8 hundred twenty-one point two hundred nine (321.209), Code 1958.

Approved May 15, 1959.

CHAPTER 223

SPEED LIMITS IN ALLEYS

S. F. 197

AN ACT relating to speed limits in alleys.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
2 thirty-six (321.236), Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding thereto
3 the following new subsection:

4 "Establishing speed limits in public alleys and providing the penalty
5 for violation thereof."

Approved March 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 224

MOTOR VEHICLE TESTING STATIONS

S. F. 321

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle testing stations of cities and towns.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
2 thirty-eight (321.238), Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding there-
3 to the following: