

## CHAPTER 182

## SNOW ROUTES IN MUNICIPALITIES

S. F. 353

AN ACT relating to powers of local authorities to designate snow routes and regulate traffic thereon.

*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 1971, is amended by adding the following  
3 new subsection:

4 "Designating highways or portions of highways as snow routes.  
5 When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a desig-  
6 nated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede  
7 or block traffic if the driving wheels of the vehicle are not equipped  
8 with snow tires, tire chains or a nonslip differential. 'Snow tires' as  
9 used in this subsection means tires designed for use when there are  
10 conditions of snow or ice on the highways, and meeting the require-  
11 ments which shall be promulgated by rule of the commissioner of  
12 public safety.

13 Said rules shall be based on tests of tire tread designs and depth of  
14 remaining tread of worn tires which will be effective in moving motor  
15 vehicles through snow of up to six inches in depth. Any person  
16 charged with impeding or blocking traffic for lack of snow tires,  
17 chains or nonslip differential shall have said charge dismissed upon a  
18 showing to the court that his motor vehicle was equipped with a non-  
19 slip differential."

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred  
2 thirty-seven (321.237), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **321.237 Posting signs—snow removal.** No ordinance or regulation  
4 enacted under subsections 4, 5, 6 or 8 of section 321.236, *or section 1*  
5 *of this Act*, shall be effective until signs, giving notice of such local  
6 traffic regulations *as specified in the state highway commission manual*  
7 *on uniform traffic control devices*, are posted upon or at the entrances  
8 to the highway or part thereof affected as may be most appropriate  
9 and shall be erected at the expense of such municipality.

10 When a city or town has adopted an ordinance *as authorized in sec-*  
11 *tion 1 of this Act or an ordinance* which prohibits standing or parking  
12 of vehicles upon a street or streets during any time when snow-  
13 removal operations are in progress and before such operations have  
14 resulted in the removal or clearance of snow from such street or  
15 streets, signs [bearing the legend "No Parking During Snow Re-  
16 moval"] *as specified in the above manual*, posted as hereinabove  
17 provided, shall be deemed sufficient notice of the existence of such  
18 restrictions.

Approved April 15, 1971.