

Sec. 16. Section 321L.6, subsection 3, Code 1997, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 17. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE PROVISIONS. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment. However, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, and other persons which currently have signs or windshield placards, stickers, or other devices which bear the word "handicapped" or the statement required by section 321L.6, subsection 3, Code 1997, may continue to use the placards, stickers, or devices until they would be replaced in the normal course of business.

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CHAPTER 71

POLICE BICYCLES

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AN ACT relating to police bicycles.

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

Section 1. Section 321.231, subsection 3, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3. The driver of a fire department vehicle, police vehicle, or ambulance, or a peace officer riding a police bicycle in the line of duty may do any of the following:

- a. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.
- b. Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as the driver does not endanger life or property.

Sec. 2. Section 321.234, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2. A person, including a peace officer, riding a bicycle on the highway is subject to the provisions of this chapter and has all the rights and duties under this chapter applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application or those provisions for which specific exceptions have been set forth regarding police bicycles.

Sec. 3. Section 321.397, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

321.397 LAMPS ON BICYCLES.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light, at the times specified in section 321.384 visible from a distance of at least three hundred feet to the front and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of three hundred feet to the rear; except that a red reflector meeting the requirements of this chapter may be used in lieu of a rear light. A peace officer riding a police bicycle is not required to use either front or rear lamps if duty so requires.

Sec. 4. Section 321.434, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

321.434 BICYCLE SIRENS OR WHISTLES.

~~No~~ A bicycle shall ~~not~~ be equipped with ~~nor shall any~~ and a person shall not use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle. This section shall not apply to bicycles ridden by peace officers in the line of duty.

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