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A BILL FOR

An Act providing for the protection and safety of persons in the operation of tractors, and to provide for the enforcement thereof.

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

- 1 Section 1. It shall be unlawful, after January 1, 1948,
2 to sell, distribute, generally deal in, use or operate any
3 tractor within this state which has been manufactured or
4 assembled after said date, unless said tractor be equipped
5 with and have installed thereon safety device or devices or
6 controls which:
- 7 (1) Will prevent and render the engine in said tractor
8 incapable of being cranked or otherwise started while tractor
9 is in gear.
- 10 (2) Will cause said tractor to be automatically stopped
11 when the operator thereof falls or is thrown from or volun-
12 tarily leaves the safe operating position of the tractor
13 while said tractor is in motion.
- 14 (3) Will stop the power take-off mechanism when the
15 operator of the tractor leaves his safe operating position
16 on the tractor.

17 (4) Will cause the ignition to be automatically cut off
18 when the tractor has been overturned.

1 Sec. 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to
2 truck tractors used in connection with motor freight, and
3 shall not apply to tractors which are not equipped with a
4 seat for the operator and which are guided by handles.

1 Sec. 3. Any person, firm or corporation, who or which,
2 after January 1, 1948, sells, distributes, generally deals in,
3 uses or operates any tractor within this state, in violation
4 of the provisions hereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemea-
5 nor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine
6 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation
7 thereof.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 298

The object of this bill is to make farm power implements safer for the farmer by requiring certain safety devices to be a part of the regular equipment when it is sold to the farmer. There are several companies who manufacture such equipment. This bill has been inspired by a tremendous increase in accidents on the farm since the advent of the tractor.