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House File 386

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Roads and Highways.

## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1946, relating to motor vehicles and law of road.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section three hundred twenty-one point  
 2 two hundred fifty seven (321.257), Code 1946, by placing a  
 3 period (.) after the word "roadway" in line thirty-nine (39)  
 4 and by striking the balance of line thirty-nine (39) and all  
 5 of line forty (40). Also by placing a period (.) after the word  
 6 "roadway" in line forty-eight (48) and striking the balance of  
 7 line forty-eight (48) and all of line forty-nine (49).

1 Sec. 2. Amend section three hundred twenty-one point three  
 2 hundred nineteen (321.319), Code 1946, by striking from lines  
 3 four (4) and five (5) the following: "the vehicle approaching  
 4 the other from the right shall have the right-of-way" and by  
 5 enacting in lieu thereof the following: "the driver of the  
 6 vehicle approaching the other from the left shall yield the  
 7 right-of-way to the vehicle approaching from the right."

1 Sec. 3. Repeal sections three hundred twenty-one point three  
 2 hundred twenty-three (321.323) and three hundred twenty-one  
 3 three hundred fifty-three (321.353), Code 1946, and enact in point

4 lieu thereof the following: "The driver of a vehicle emerging  
5 from a private roadway, alley, driveway, or building shall stop  
6 such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto the sidewalk and  
7 thereafter he shall proceed into the sidewalk area only when  
8 he can do so without danger to pedestrian traffic and he shall  
9 yield the right-of-way to any vehicular traffic on the street  
10 into which his vehicle is entering."

1 Sec. 4. Amend section three hundred twenty-one point one  
2 (321.1), Code 1946, by adding thereto the following: "Alley"  
3 means a thoroughfare through the middle of a square or block  
4 providing access to the rear of lots or buildings for vehicular  
5 traffic in villages, cities and towns."

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 386

Section 1. This bill in effect legally forbids a pedestrian to cross on a red light at intersections where traffic signals are maintained. Under the present law it has been impossible for cities to legally control pedestrians who insist on crossing a street against a red light.

Sec. 2. This bill is a corrective measure with respect to our present right-of-way statute. The Iowa Supreme Court has held that our present law is invalid in so far as criminal prosecution is concerned due to the wording of the present statute. The proposed amendment will correct legal deficiency.

Sec. 3 and 4. The proposed bill in section three (3) will require all vehicles to stop prior to driving onto a sidewalk area. This bill is a safety measure regarding pedestrian traffic. Section four (4) is necessary in order to make section three (3) effective; that is, a definition of "alley" will be required to enforce the bill requiring whether to stop.