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**House File 23**

By BROWN, TIERNEY and HANSON of Lyon.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1950, relating to motor vehicles and law of road.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two  
2 hundred eighty-five (321.285), Code 1950, is hereby amended by  
3 adding to said section the following paragraphs:  
4 "5. Fifty miles per hour in all other locations during  
5 the night time. 'Night time' means from one-half hour after  
6 sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, and at any other  
7 hour or any time when due to weather or other conditions there  
8 is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons  
9 and vehicles at a distance of more than 500 feet."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred  
2 ninety (321.290), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking all  
3 of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "The state highway commission is authorized to establish  
5 speed zones on primary roads and extensions of primary roads  
6 in cities and towns, to fix the speed limit in such speed zones,  
7 higher or lower than those stated in section three hundred

8 twenty-one point two hundred eighty-five (321.285), to change  
9 the speed limit in such speed zones, and to abolish such speed  
10 zones.”

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred  
2 ninety-three (321.293), Code 1950, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the word “higher” in line three (3) the words  
4 “or lower”, and by inserting after the word “thereof” in line  
5 five (5) a comma (,) and the words “except upon primary road  
6 extensions within a city or town”.

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 23

This bill is designed to fix the maximum speed of motor vehicles in night time driving, at fifty miles per hour, and to authorize the state highway commission to establish speed zones and fix speed limits therein on parts of the primary roads outside of cities and towns where, in the commission's judgment, such speed zones and special speed limits are necessary. The commission now has that authority inside of cities and towns.