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House File 398

Passed on File.

By MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMERCE and TRADE.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section three hundred twenty-one point twenty-one (321.21), 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 twenty-

2 one (321.21), Code 1950, is amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Provided, however," that if the annual registration fee for

4 a truck, truck tractor, road tractor, trailer or semitrailer is

5 paid in installments as permitted in section 321.134, the county

6 treasurer shall issue only a nontransferable and nonnegotiable

7 certificate of registration upon the payment of the first install-

8 ment, and upon surrender to the county treasurer of such certi-

9 ficate of registration and the payment of the full amount remaining

10 due on the annual registration fee, the county treasurer shall

11 issue in lieu of such nontransferable and nonnegotiable certificate

12 of registration, a transferable and negotiable certificate of

13 registration for such vehicle."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 398

Under the provisions of section 321.134, Code 1950, the owner of a truck, truck tractor, road tractor, trailer or semitrailer, registered in Iowa may if the annual registration fee for such vehicle exceeds \$30, elect to pay such fee in two equal semi-annual install-

ments. Shrewd operators, through a variety of devices and subterfuges, have found ways of avoiding payment of all or part of the second installment due on such annual registration fees with the consequent loss of revenue to the state due to difficulties encountered in the attempted collection of such delinquent installments. In addition an innocent purchaser of a vehicle on which a first installment has been paid must frequently pay a high fee all out of proportion to his needs when the second installment becomes due. This bill is designed to prevent these abuses by requiring the prospective seller or transferrer of such a vehicle to pay the entire annual registration fee before he may obtain a transferrable and negotiable certificate of registration.