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Motor Vehicles,  
Commerce and Trade.

**House File 124**  
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(Flatt, Doran, et al.).

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

## A BILL FOR

An Act to prohibit the sale or offering for sale, directly or through agents or employees, certain specified items of merchandise on the first day of the week, commonly known and designated as Sunday; to define those persons covered by the Act; to provide for exemptions; to authorize injunctive relief; and to provide penalties for violations of the act.

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

**This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see Senate File 26.**

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 124

A Sunday Closing Law is needed in Iowa to protect the public, retail employees and the large majority of merchants who believe that Sunday should be preserved as a day of rest. Sunday selling is particularly harmful to merchants in the smaller communities. Sunday selling increases the cost of distribution and is economically unsound. Thirty-five states now have laws that restrict or prohibit Sunday selling. The Supreme Court of the United States in four separate cases has held such laws constitutional. This bill is endorsed and supported by a large majority of the retailers in Iowa.