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Senate File 253

By ELIJAH and WEARIN.

Passed House, Date.....

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

A BILL FOR

An Act pertaining to safety regulations in the operation of school buses.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-two (321.872), Code 1962, is hereby amended as
3 follows:

4 1. By striking in subsection one (1) lines sixteen (16) and
5 seventeen (17) the words, "unless there is at least three
6 hundred feet of clear vision in each direction" and inserting
7 in lieu thereof the following, "at any point on a primary
8 highway where the clear vision distance in either direction is
9 less than one thousand (1,000) feet. On a secondary highway
10 the clear vision distance shall be at least seven hundred (700)
11 feet in each direction."

12 2. By adding to subsection one (1) the following paragraph:
13 "A school bus, when operating on a highway with four or more
14 lanes shall not stop to load or unload pupils who must cross the
15 highway, except at designated stops where pupils who must cross
16 the roadway may do so at points where there are official traffic
17 control devices or police officers."

18 3. By striking in subsection three (3) line twenty-two (22)
19 the period (.) and adding the following, "where speed limit is
20 in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour."

21 4. By adding a new subsection as follows: "The driver of
22 a vehicle upon a highway providing two or more lanes in each
23 direction need not stop upon meeting a school bus which is
24 traveling in the opposite direction even though said school bus
25 is stopped."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point three hundred
2 seventy-three (321.373), Code 1962, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking in subsection four (4) line two (2) the words,
4 "forty-eight" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5 "sixty-five".

6 2. By striking in subsection fourteen (14) line two (2) the
7 words, "at least twenty inches long" and inserting in lieu thereof
8 the following: "; octagonal in shape, with a distance of at least
9 eighteen (18) inches between parallel sides,".

10 3. By striking in subsection fourteen (14) line five (5) the
11 words, "black" and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "white".

12 4. By striking in subsection fourteen (14) line five (5) the
13 word, "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "six".

14 5. By striking in subsection fourteen (14) line six (6) the
15 words, "national school bus chrome" and inserting in lieu thereof
16 the following, "a red".

17 6. By adding the following sentences to subsection fourteen
18 (14): "The outer edge of sign shall be painted white one-half
19 inch wide. The entire sign including lettering shall be
20 reflectorized."

21 7. By adding the following to subsection fifteen (15):

22 "Area around lens of each red flashing warning signal lamp
23 at rear, and around each flashing warning signal lamp assembly
24 in front, and extending approximately three (3) inches, shall

25 be painted black. In installations where there is no flat
26 vertical portion of body immediately surrounding entire lens
27 of lamp, a circular or square band of black, approximately three
28 (3) inches wide, shall be painted on body or roof area against
29 which signal lamp is seen.”

30 8. The provision of this section shall not apply to school
31 buses purchased prior to July 1, 1963.