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TRANSPORTATION

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BY WARNSTADT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to lighting equipment for funeral procession
2 escort vehicles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.324A, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. For purposes of this section, "funeral procession"
4 means a procession of motor vehicles accompanying the body of
5 a deceased person during daylight hours which is being
6 escorted by a vehicle equipped with and displaying a flashing
7 purple light pursuant to section 321.423, or by a vehicle
8 continually displaying its emergency signal lamps flashing
9 simultaneously and using lighted head lamps and identifying
10 flags, and keeping all other motor vehicles with lighted head
11 lamps in close formation.

12 Sec. 2. Section 321.423, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
13 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. A flashing purple light on a vehicle
15 upon which a purple light is permitted pursuant to subsection
16 8.

17 Sec. 3. Section 321.423, Code 2001, is amended by adding
18 the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. FLASHING PURPLE LIGHT. A flashing
20 purple light may be used as a dome light mounted on the roof
21 of a vehicle owned by a funeral establishment licensed under
22 chapter 156 or a vehicle owned by a private funeral escort
23 company in the following circumstances:

24 a. The vehicle is authorized by the director of public
25 health. The director of public health shall give such
26 authorization when all of the following apply:

27 (1) The request for authorization is made by the licensed
28 funeral establishment or private funeral escort company on
29 forms provided by the Iowa department of public health.

30 (2) The licensed funeral establishment provides proof of
31 licensure or the private funeral escort company attests to the
32 nature of the company's business.

33 The Iowa department of public health shall adopt rules to
34 establish issuance standards and certificate of authorization
35 revocation procedures.

1 b. The vehicle is escorting a funeral procession pursuant
2 to section 321.324A.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill allows a licensed funeral establishment or
5 private funeral escort company, upon receiving a certificate
6 of authorization from the Iowa department of public health, to
7 use a flashing purple dome light when escorting a funeral
8 procession.

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