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HOUSE FILE 2038
BY HOVERSTEN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring seat belts in truck beds and making existing
2 penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.445, Code Supplement 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A person shall not ride, and an
4 operator shall not permit a person to ride, in the open bed of
5 a motor truck or in an unenclosed area of a motor vehicle on a
6 highway unless the person is properly seated on a seat and
7 wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or safety
8 harness that meets the requirements of subsection 1. This
9 subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle operated as part
10 of a parade, a motorcycle or motorized bicycle, a military
11 motor vehicle, an authorized emergency vehicle, an implement
12 of husbandry, or a motor vehicle used to transport hunters and
13 hunting dogs during hunting activities.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill prohibits a person from riding in the open bed of
16 a truck without being properly seated and wearing a seat belt.
17 The bill does not apply to persons who are participating in a
18 parade, motorcycles or motorized bicycles, a military motor
19 vehicle, an authorized emergency vehicle, an implement of
20 husbandry, or a vehicle used for hunting. A violation is
21 punishable as a simple misdemeanor and carries a scheduled
22 fine of \$25.

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