The next two slides are going to be a snapshot of bills that are of interest to the Department of Public Safety. As we go through them, please feel free to jot down the bill number, because at a later time, you can come to this website, enter the bill number in the box that says BILLS and the verbiage and description of the proposed legislation will appear.
• SSB 3040 – Required Blood Draw – Will create a workgroup during the interim

• HF 2016 – First OWI Ignition Interlock Devices (IID)

• HF 2003/SF 2012 – All Occupant Restraint

• HF 424 – Green Alert

• HF 2040 – Overtaking or Passing a Bicycle

• HF 2166 – Increased Speed Limit

• HF 2038 – Window Tint

• HF 2149 – Window Tint

These are the bills that did not survive funnel week.

Blood Draw – this proposes that the county medical examiner shall collect a blood sample on all motor vehicle driver fatality crashes. The sample shall then be provided to the Iowa DCI to determine whether or not there is an alcohol concentration or presence of a controlled substance or other drug, or any combination of such substances. The Iowa DCI will retain this information for statistical purposes only. Will create a study group during the interim to study how to best ensure that data is collected on every driver fatality to best study the issue of impaired driving in the state.

First OWI Ignition Interlock Devices – The current law requires and IID to be installed in all vehicles OWNED or operated by the defendant. The proposed bill would remove the requirement for one to be installed in ALL owned vehicles and just require one in all OPERATED by the defendant vehicle(s), in which the individual seeks out their temporary restricted license.

All Occupant Restraint – In addition to our current seatbelt law, this bill would require the use of seatbelts in rear vehicle seats for ALL occupants, regardless of age.

Green Alert – This bill proposes direction to the department of homeland security and emergency management to establish a green alert, defined as a public alert program for missing veterans-at-risk. Criteria for such an alert shall include but not be limited to the incident being reported to law enforcement within 72 hours of the disappearance, reason to believe the veteran-at-risk may be missing as a consequence of a physical or mental health condition that is related to the veteran-at-risk’s military service, and there is sufficient information available to disseminate a green alert to the public that could assist in locating the missing veteran-at-risk.

Overtaking or Passing a Bicycle – this bill amends code section 321.299 (basically adding/including bicycle in the code) to require the driver of a vehicle overtaking a person riding a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a roadway to pass to the left of the bicycle in an adjacent travel lane or on the opposite side of the roadway, and prohibits the driver from returning to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken bicycle in accordance with code section 321.281 (references “unreasonably close”).

Increased Speed Limit – The bill proposed increasing the speed limit by 5 miles per hour on all roads with speed limits of 55 or higher.

Window Tint – one bill proposed to allow a person to have tinted windows darker than allowed by law, provided they carry with them a signed affidavit from a medical professional about their light sensitivity. The other one would have requires windows to meet a standard of 35% light transmittance. If an officer stopped a vehicle that had their windows tinted beyond 70% transmittance, the driver must lower the window on the side of the officer’s approach for the duration of the stop. Failure to do so would have resulted in a scheduled violation.
These are the bills that DID survive funnel week.

Hands-Free – The current law allows, for example, a
driver to use their hand held electronic
communication device to place a phone call whether
entering in a phone number on the keypad or finding
a phone number in their contacts, and then placing
their call. The proposed bill would no longer allow
that. It would prohibit a driver from utilizing an
electronic communication device while driving, unless
the motor vehicle is at a complete stop off the
taveled portion of the roadway. A person would not
be in violation of this section by using an electronic
communication device in a hands-free mode (ex –
Bluetooth, speakerphone, auxiliary cable).

EMS Professional Permits to Carry – Eligible EMS
professionals will be those that accompany police
tactical teams into potentially high casualty situations
in which a threat may still be active. The individual
will complete a firearms safety training course and
train with the tactical team.

Rumble Strips – This bill would require any
governmental entity which exercises jurisdiction over
a highway to construct and maintain rumble strips in
advance of all stop signs and traffic-control signals
located on a highway where the highway enters or
crosses a primary highway. They would NOT be
required on unpaved highways, on highways inside
the limits of any incorporated city, or on highways
with a speed limit of less than 55 miles per hour.

Lamps and Bicycles – Requires bikes or riders to have
a lamp visible at least 300 feet to the front or rear.

Eluding or Attempting to Elude – Adds enhancements
for multiple offenses of eluding law enforcement.

Increased Fines for High Speeds – Adds $500.00 to the
fine for speeding greater than 25 miles per hour over
the posted speed limit. Creates an emergency
medical services fund for 50% of these funds to be
deposited into.

Passing a Vehicle in the Left Lane – Requires vehicles
to not be in the left lane unless passing another
vehicle with certain exceptions.

Texting and Driving Near School – This bill would
increase the scheduled fine for texting and driving
within 200 feet of a school.
There will be a Special Traffic Enforcement Program (sSTEP Wave) occurring around the St. Patrick’s Day holiday. Our law enforcement partners statewide will be participating looking for violations in all traffic safety categories but with emphasis on seat belts. Additionally with St. Patrick’s Day being one of the deadliness of the year, impaired driving will be on the priority list as well.
APRIL IS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

Naturally, people tend to think of cell phones when they hear “distracted driving”. However, it is important to recognize that distraction comes in many forms inside a vehicle. Please help spread this message! Social media materials can be found at trafficsafetymarketing.com.
COMING SOON TO A ROADWAY NEAR YOU: SPEED FOCUSED CORRIDOR PROJECTS

- In Iowa in 2019, there were 12,691 crashes involving speed.
- 351 of those crashes included fatalities and major injuries.
- Yet drivers convicted by police for speeding (state code violations) has dropped over 11% from 2015-2019.
- GTSB looking to partner with law enforcement to focus on Enforcement, Engineering and Education.
THE 2020 420 PROJECT

• April 17-20, 2020 = “420” High Visibility Enforcement efforts
• Iowa will position Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in scale houses
• Encourage our law enforcement partners to participate
• This is not just a marijuana issue, but ANY drug that impairs your ability to drive
• Aiming for high public awareness and increased enforcement during the project
About every three hours, a person or vehicle is hit by a train in the United States.
2020 GOVERNOR’S HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY CONFERENCE
Prairie Meadows Hotel and Conference Center, Altoona, Iowa

Online Registration - regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/gtsb/
• FREE 16 hour training for law enforcement officers
• Stepping stone between Standard Field Sobriety Testing and a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
• Course is limited to first 30 registrants
• Online registration can be found at https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/commissioners-office/governors-traffic-safety/drug-evaluation
• For more information please contact Todd Olmstead, Statewide ARIDE Training Coordinator at Olmstead@dps.state.ia.us or 515-725-6122

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