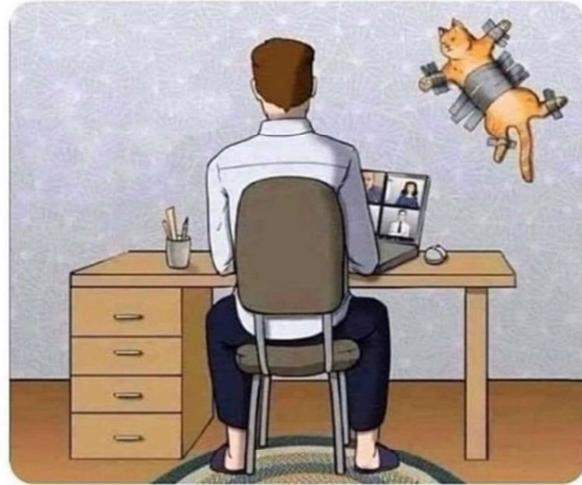


# GTSB REPORT

February 2021

## How to prepare for a Zoom meeting

A little bit harder to do with a dog, but still worth sharing this tip 😊



# 2021 IOWA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation>

The screenshot shows the Iowa Legislature website's Bill Tracking Tools page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for FAQ, Video Tutorials, Home, and a dropdown menu for Legislation. Below this is a header for 'The IOWA LEGISLATURE' with a search bar and a navigation menu including SENATE/HOUSE, LEGISLATORS, LEGISLATION, COMMITTEES & SCHEDULES, IOWA LAW & RULES, LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES, PUBLICATIONS, RESOURCES & CIVIC EDUCATION, LEGISLATIVE STAFF, and ARCHIVES. The main content area is titled 'Bill Tracking Tools' and includes a sidebar with links like 'Bill Tracking Tools', 'Find Legislation', 'Senate & House Journals', 'LSA Information', 'Debate Eligibility Calendar', 'Chamber Rules', and 'Proposed Legislation Tracking'. The main text describes various tools: 'Pre-filed Bills', 'BillBook', 'Clip Sheets: Senate | House', 'Bills & Rules Watch', 'Proposed Constitutional Amendments', and 'Daily Legislation (Bill Packet)'. On the right, there are three search boxes: 'BILLS' with 'Number' and 'Keyword' fields, 'IOWA CODE' with a 'Quick Search' field, and 'IOWA ACTS' with a 'Quick Search' field and a dropdown for 'General Assembly: 88 (2019 Regular GA)'. A red arrow points to the search box in the 'BILLS' section.

With the 2021 session underway, this slide is just a reminder about the legislature's website. Each month during session, I will have a slide(s) with overview information related to bills of interest to the Department of Public Safety. Please feel free to jot down the bill number(s) discussed. You can later come to this website, enter the bill number in the box that says BILLS and the complete verbiage and description of the proposed legislation will appear.

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## Current Bill(s) to Watch:

HF 75 – Electronic Communication Devices in voice-activated or hands-free mode

SF 46

## Highlights (changes) of Proposed Bills:

- “Hands Free” replaced with “Electronic Communication Device”
- “Voice-Activated or Hands-Free Mode”
- Would be considered a moving violation – qualifying violation for consideration of administrative suspension of license or to establish habitual offender status.
- Warnings only from effective date to January 1, 2022.
- Increases fine from \$45.00 to \$100.00

“Electronic Communication Device” is defined as a device capable of being used to compose, send, receive or read an electronic message. It includes but is not limited to a telephone, personal digital assistant and portable or mobile computer. It does NOT include a device that is physically or electronically integrated into a motor vehicle, such as a navigation system.

“Voice-Activated or Hands-Free Mode” is defined as an attachment, accessory, application, wireless connection or built-in feature of an electronic communication device or motor vehicle that allows a person to use verbal or single-touch commands to activate or deactivate the device or a function or software application of the device. It does NOT include accessing non-navigation video content, engaging in a video call, accessing or engaging in video streaming, accessing gaming data, or reading an electronic message. HF74 is out there as well, but it does NOT increase the fine from \$45.00 to \$100.00, does NOT consider the violation a moving violation. It does contain a statement that violation of this provision is prima facie evidence of reckless driving 321.77.

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### Current Bill(s) to Watch:

- [SF30](#) – EMS Personnel Permit to Carry
- [HF43](#) – Body Camera Required
- [SF 71](#) – Towing/Recovery vehicles prohibited lights/siren
- [SF72](#) – Emergency Vehicle Operation in Emergency Situations
- [HSB5](#) – Vehicular Homicide and Excessive Speed
- [HSB76](#) – Safe and Sound Program

[SF30](#) – The bill allows an emergency medical care provider to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons if the EMS provider is designated and attached to a law enforcement tactical team. The EMS provider shall also train with the tactical team, complete a firearm safety training course, and complete any additional training.

[HF43](#) – this bill requires peace officers to wear and use a body camera. The contents of the body camera shall be public record and the release of the contents of such a recording shall be governed by new code section 80C.1. Requires camera to be worn at all times while on duty and in uniform and that is be positioned on the chest or at the eye level of the peace officer.

[SF71](#) – Proposes towing or recovery vehicles not owned by the state or a municipality are prohibited from being equipped with red and blue lights and a siren. It allows for a variety of light colors on emergency vehicles, requires blue and red lights to be on certain sides of emergency vehicles.

[SF72](#) – Allows drivers of emergency vehicles to exceed speed limit, run stop signs without audible or visual signals so long as certain conditions are met, ex – shortest distance necessary, does not recklessly endanger persons or property, reasonable belief the violator may destroy evidence or evade apprehension, or endanger the public or the officer, etc.

HSB5 – This bill provides that a person commits a class “C” felony when the person unintentionally causes the death of another by exceeding an established or posted speed limit by 25 miles per hour or more, if the death of the other person directly or indirectly results from the violation.

HSB76 – The safe and sound program is established for purposes of developing and implementing a system for receiving anonymous reports and other information from the public in regard to potential self-harm and potential harm or criminal acts including threats of violence, sexual abuse, assault, or bullying directed at school students and school entities. The program must establish a statewide toll-free hotline, internet site, and mobile application for receiving the anonymous reports as well as establish methods and procedures to ensure anonymous status.

# TEENS AND SPEEDING — BREAKING THE DEADLY CYCLE

[https://www.ghsa.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/GHSA\\_TeenSpeeding](https://www.ghsa.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/GHSA_TeenSpeeding)



This is a new report released from GHSA and Ford Motor Company Fund that highlights the significant role that speeding plays in teen driver fatalities.

The major finding of the report is that between 2015 and 2019, teen drivers (16-19) accounted for a greater share of speeding-related fatal crashes (43%), than any other age group.

The report is especially timely as the pandemic has impacted fatal crashes adversely, and speeding has been cited as a major contributing factor.

The likelihood of a teen driver having a speed-related fatal crash rises exponentially with each additional peer in the vehicle, for both male and female teen drivers.

Nearly half of all teen drivers killed in speeding-related crashes were unrestrained.

The youngest teen drivers (16-17) have the highest fatal crash risk due to lack of experience, but 18-19 year olds are more likely to crash later at night and on highways and freeways. This is likely due to younger teens having a nighttime driving restriction under the state Graduated Driver Licensing laws in combination with parental limits on where the kids may drive.

# DOT REQUEST FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF DRIVING CAPABILITIES

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/Medical-Vision>

- Who can submit a re-evaluation request?
- If I submit a form on someone, is it anonymous?
- What information does a reporter need to know in order to submit the form?

For additional information, please feel free to contact:

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The image shows a form titled "Request for Re-Examination of Driving Capabilities" from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IOWA DOT). The form is addressed to Driver & Identification Services, P.O. Box 8204, Des Moines, IA 50316-2004, with a phone number of (515) 281-1837. The form includes fields for the driver's full name, address, city, state, and ZIP code. It also has fields for the driver's license number, date of birth, and date of issue. There are checkboxes for "Accident involvement?" and "Driver died?". A section for "Date and Time of Incident" and "Location of Incident" is present. A disclaimer states that the driver's name and address are required for the request and that the driver is entitled to the name and address of the individual signing the request. The form also includes fields for the reporter's name, address, city, state, and ZIP code, and a section for the reporter's signature and date.

Anyone with concern about a driver with a known or suspected physical, mental, cognitive or vision condition that can impair driving, can complete and submit the request for Re-Examination of Driving Capabilities form. This includes a healthcare provider, law enforcement, community members or family members. After review, if it is deemed necessary, the re-examination process includes a vision screening, cognitive screenings, a knowledge exam and an on-road driving exam. The DOT cannot take a report of an unsafe driver over the phone. The form must be completed. However, in the event of an emergency, the driver can and should be reported to local law enforcement or 911.

The process is not anonymous. The person named on the form is entitled to and can request the name of the individual that signed and submitted the form.

The required minimum information required in order to submit the request form is the driver's full name, address, date of birth, reason for re-examination (age alone is not considered), and finishing with the reporter's full name, address and date of submission.

# FATALITY REDUCTION TASK FORCE UPDATE

Tag Line: Drive Safe Iowa – The Power is in Your Hands



The Task Force has had a couple of meetings since we last talked about the formation of this group. They are still working on recommendations for achievable statewide concepts/projects to be implemented and completed in 2021. As soon as there is a final draft, I'll be sure to share. For now, the slide is displaying the Task Force's draft media concept. Note the tag line: Drive Safe Iowa – The Power is in Your Hands. As you can see from the graphics, the tag line will be applicable to many traffic safety issues and I'm excited to continue to see what they come up with.....stay tuned!

Trafficsafetymarketing.gov



Just a reminder for the FREE downloadable resources that are available from NHTSA at [trafficsafetymarketing.gov](https://trafficsafetymarketing.gov). They have all sorts of holiday/special event messaging. They also have a lot of ready made social media materials ready for you! Check it out!

## 2021 GTSB CONFERENCE

WHEN: August 2-3, 2021

WHERE: Marriott – Des Moines, IA

FORMAT:

# IN PERSON!



GTSB conducted a survey with conference attendees from the past three years and the results are in. The vast majority of respondents were in favor of and believed that their respective agencies would allow attendance to an in person conference. Therefore, it is GTSB's tentative plan to proceed in that fashion. However, as you can imagine, there are a lot of logistics that need to be worked out and so for now, please just get these dates into your calendar in PENCIL, and we'll let you know when you can draw over the pencil with permanent marker! Stay tuned!

# QUESTIONS?



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