



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Railroad Gate Penalties

- This bill provides the option to take a driver improvement course or pay an increased penalty when the driver in a quiet zone with a median barrier passes or too closely approaches a railroad grade crossing with a warning.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1(Iowa Code 321.341)

This section allows a driver that illegally passes or too closely approaches a railroad grade crossing with a warning in a quiet zone with a median barrier to attend and successfully complete, at the violator's expense, a driver improvement program approved by the DOT.

To be eligible, the person must notify the clerk of court prior to the date of the person's court appearance that they intend to take the class and must show completion of the program within 90 days of the violation to the clerk. A violator who chooses to take the class and doesn't complete the requirement, must pay the \$520 fine to the clerk on the 91<sup>st</sup> day after the violation.

#### Section 2 (Iowa Code 805.8A)

This section increases the penalty for those that pass or too closely approach a railroad grade crossing with a warning with a median barrier in a quiet zone from \$260 to \$520.