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**Transportation Committee**

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**HB 2819**

**Brief Description:** Limiting passengers from riding on the outside part of vehicles.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Lovick, Dunshee and McCoy.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Makes it a traffic infraction to transport a person in or on an open truck bed, unless the person is wearing a properly adjusted and securely fastened seatbelt.

**Hearing Date:** 1/23/06

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315).

**Background:**

It is illegal to transport any person on the running board, fenders, hood, or other outside part of any vehicle.

Exceptions are made to this law in the case of authorized emergency vehicles and solid waste collection vehicles that are engaged in the collection of solid waste or recyclables at a speed of twenty miles per hour or less.

**Summary of Bill:**

It is a traffic infraction for any person to transport any persons in or on an open truck bed unless the passengers are wearing safety belts in a properly adjusted and securely fastened manner. An open truck bed is defined to include pickup truck beds without a shell or camper and the bed of a flatbed truck.

There are exceptions made to this safety belt requirement in the case of:

- Authorized emergency vehicles;
- Vehicles participating in an officially authorized or permitted parade, caravan or exhibition; and
- Vehicles performing practices prudent or necessary for producing agricultural goods and harvesting natural resources.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.