

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 781**

**Representative Patton**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 4513.21 of the Revised Code to  
require certain trucks to be equipped with an  
audible alarm that sounds upon raising the truck  
bed, and to name the act the "Daniel Ripepi  
Act."

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4513.21 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 4513.21.** (A) Every motor vehicle or trackless trolley  
when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a horn which  
is in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible,  
under normal conditions, from a distance of not less than two  
hundred feet.

No motor vehicle or trackless trolley shall be equipped  
with, nor shall any person use upon a vehicle, any siren,  
whistle, or bell. Any vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm  
signal device which shall be so arranged that it cannot be used  
as an ordinary warning signal. Every emergency vehicle shall be  
equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell, capable of emitting  
sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not

less than five hundred feet and of a type approved by the 20  
director of public safety. Such equipment shall not be used 21  
except when such vehicle is operated in response to an emergency 22  
call or is in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected 23  
violinator of the law, in which case the driver of the emergency 24  
vehicle shall sound such equipment when it is necessary to warn 25  
pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof. 26

(B) (1) Beginning January 1, 2023, all of the following 27  
apply: 28

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle that has a bed 29  
capable of being raised unless the motor vehicle is equipped 30  
with an automatic internal alarm that emits a sound when the bed 31  
is raised that is audible to that person. 32

(b) No motor vehicle manufacturer shall manufacture or 33  
sell a motor vehicle in this state that has a bed capable of 34  
being raised unless the motor vehicle is equipped with the alarm 35  
described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section. 36

(2) No person shall disable an alarm described in division 37  
(B) (1) (a) of this section except for repair, maintenance, 38  
replacement, or other similar purpose. 39

(C) (1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 40  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 41

(2) Whoever recklessly violates division (B) of this 42  
section is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. In addition 43  
to any other penalty imposed for the offense, the court shall 44  
require the offender to pay a fine of ten thousand dollars. 45

**Section 2.** That existing section 4513.21 of the Revised 46  
Code is hereby repealed. 47

**Section 3.** This act is hereby entitled the "Daniel Ripepi  
Act." 48  
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