

8 tion three hundred twenty-one point forty-six (321.46) of the Code, also
 9 apply for new registration plates for the vehicle, and upon surrender of
 10 the plates for such vehicle and payment of an additional registration
 11 fee of five dollars, the county treasurer shall issue new registration
 12 plates for such vehicle bearing the designation of that county.

1 SEC. 17. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred fifty-
 2 four (321.454), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 **321.454 Width of vehicles.** The total outside width of any vehi-
 4 cle or the load thereon, ~~except loose hay or straw~~, shall not exceed
 5 eight feet. *However, if hay, straw, or stover moved on any imple-*
 6 *ment of husbandry and the total width of load of the implement of*
 7 *husbandry exceeds eight feet in width, the implement of husbandry*
 8 *shall not be subject to the permit requirements of chapter three*
 9 *hundred twenty-one E (321E) of the Code. If hay, straw, or stover is*
 10 *moved on any other vehicle subject to registration, such moves shall*
 11 *be subject to the permit requirements for transporting loads exceed-*
 12 *ing eight feet in width as required under chapter three hundred*
 13 *twenty-one E (321E) of the Code.*

1 SEC. 18. The provisions of section eleven (11) of this Act shall be-
 2 come effective December 1, 1975 for registrations made on or after De-
 3 cember 1, 1975 for the 1976 registration year.

Approved July 17, 1975

This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see §3.7 of the Code

CHAPTER 172

VEHICLE INSPECTION

H. F. 502

AN ACT relating to vehicle inspection and issuing inspection orders by authorized employees.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
 2 thirty-eight (321.238), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following
 3 new numbered subsections:

4 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. As used in this section:

5 a. "Authorized officer" means an officer of the Iowa highway safety
 6 patrol designated by the commissioner of public safety to make a spot
 7 vehicle inspection or a state employee of the transportation regulation
 8 and safety division, or its successor, of the state department of trans-
 9 portation designated by the director to make a spot vehicle inspection.

10 b. "Spot vehicle inspection" means an equipment safety inspection
 11 of a vehicle conducted by an authorized officer to determine if the ve-
 12 hicle should be inspected at an inspection station and shall not include
 13 inspection of the "glove compartment" or "trunk" or any other area
 14 that is not essential to the performance of an equipment safety inspec-
 15 tion.

16 c. "Inspection order" means the form established by the department
 17 to be given to the operator of a vehicle by an authorized officer follow-
 18 ing a spot vehicle inspection when the vehicle requires further inspec-
 19 tion at an inspection station.

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. An authorized officer may stop and inspect a
 21 vehicle being operated on the highways for a spot vehicle inspection
 22 when the authorized officer observes that the vehicle is being operated
 23 in a peculiar, erratic, or unsafe manner that would give the authorized
 24 officer reason to believe that a mechanical defect exists in the vehicle
 25 that would create a hazard to the safety of other persons. An author-
 26 ized officer may also stop a vehicle and conduct a spot vehicle inspec-
 27 tion if upon visual inspection of the vehicle, the authorized officer
 28 determines that the head lamps, rear lamps or any other equipment re-
 29 quired by chapter three hundred twenty-one (321) of the Code is not in
 30 adequate condition or proper adjustment and would create a hazard to
 31 the safety of other persons. The authorized officer shall indicate on
 32 any inspection order issued the reasons for which the vehicle is stopped
 33 in addition to any safety equipment deficiencies found to exist during
 34 the spot vehicle inspection. If after performing the spot vehicle inspec-
 35 tion, the authorized officer determines to the best of his or her ability
 36 that operation of the vehicle does in fact create a hazard to the safety
 37 of other persons, the authorized officer may issue an inspection order
 38 to the operator and forward two copies to the department. The inspec-
 39 tion order shall direct that the vehicle be inspected at an inspection
 40 station within fourteen days. If the authorized officer determines that
 41 the operator of the vehicle is not the owner or custodian of the vehicle,
 42 this fact shall be indicated on the inspection order. The department,
 43 upon receipt of an inspection order with an indication the operator is
 44 not the owner or custodian, shall forward one copy by certified mail to
 45 the owner or custodian with return receipt requested by a date certain
 46 as fixed by the department pursuant to rules and the fourteen-day pe-
 47 riod to obtain a vehicle inspection shall begin on the date of return re-
 48 ceipt or return of the notice. If the vehicle is not inspected within the
 49 fourteen-day period it shall be deemed that the vehicle has not passed
 50 the inspection and the provisions of subsection eleven (11) of this sec-
 51 tion apply. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the
 52 applicability of sections three hundred twenty-one point three hundred
 53 eighty-one (321.381) and three hundred twenty-one point four hundred
 54 ninety-two (321.492), of the Code.

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
 2 thirty-eight (321.238), subsection four (4), Code 1975, is amended by
 3 adding the following new lettered paragraphs:

4 NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. Provide instruction and all necessary
 5 forms for inspection orders. The inspection order shall direct the owner
 6 or custodian of the vehicle to present the inspection order to the in-
 7 spection station for endorsement that the vehicle has been inspected
 8 and passed and an official certificate of inspection has been affixed.
 9 The inspection order shall direct that the vehicle be inspected at an in-
 10 spection station within fourteen days.

11 NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. Designate employees of the transporta-
 12 tion regulation and safety division, or its successor, of the state depart-
 13 ment of transportation to conduct spot inspections.

1 SEC. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
 2 thirty-eight (321.238), subsection ten (10), unnumbered paragraph two
 3 (2), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 Upon completion of inspection of a vehicle and determination that
 5 its equipment is in adequate condition and proper adjustment to war-
 6 rant issuance of a certificate of inspection, the inspection station which
 7 has made the inspection shall affix an official certificate of inspection
 8 to such vehicle in the manner specified by the director *and endorse on*

9 *any inspection order presented that the certificate of inspection has*
 10 *been issued and forward the inspection order to the department. Ex-*
 11 *cept as otherwise provided, the certificate shall be valid for the period*
 12 *commencing with the calendar month of issue and ending at midnight*
 13 *on the last day of the twelfth calendar month following the month of*
 14 *issue and shall not be valid thereafter. The certificate shall cease to be*
 15 *valid if the vehicle is sold at retail during the twelve-month period.*

1 SEC. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred thirty-
 2 eight (321.238), subsection thirteen (13), Code 1975, is amended to
 3 read as follows:

4 13. Any peace officer who makes an investigation of an accident
 5 may direct that any motor vehicle involved in the accident shall be in-
 6 spected at an official inspection station within the time fixed by such
 7 peace officer *but in all cases within a period no longer than fourteen*
 8 *days. If the vehicle is undergoing repairs or parts necessary to make*
 9 *repairs are on order, the motor vehicle need not be inspected until*
 10 *such repairs are completed; provided, however, the motor vehicle*
 11 *shall not be driven upon the highways until the repairs have been*
 12 *completed and the vehicle has passed inspection, except to move it*
 13 *to and from an inspection station.*

14 *The peace officer shall include in the report required by section*
 15 *three hundred twenty-one point two hundred sixty-six (321.266) of*
 16 *the Code the date by which the inspection must be performed.*

Approved July 17, 1975

This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see §3.7 of the Code

CHAPTER 173

TRAILER REGISTRATION

H. F. 724

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles providing for registration of trailers and semitrailers for a three-year period and trip permits for commercial vehicles and the authority of the state department of transportation to negotiate vehicle registration apportionment agreements and providing a penalty.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-four
 2 (321.34), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new unnum-
 3 bered paragraph:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In lieu of issuing annual registra-
 5 tion plates for trailers and semitrailers, the county treasurer or depart-
 6 ment may issue a multi-year registration plate for a three-year period
 7 upon payment of the appropriate registration fee. This section shall
 8 not apply to trailers and semitrailers registered pursuant to chapter
 9 three hundred twenty-six (326) of the Code.

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-nine
 2 (321.39), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 **321.39 Expiration of registration.** Every vehicle registration un-
 4 der this chapter and every registration card and registration plate is-
 5 sued hereunder *except multi-year registration plates issued for*