

**CHAPTER 216****APPROPRIATIONS — TRANSPORTATION***H.F. 752*

**AN ACT** relating to and making transportation and other infrastructure-related appropriations to the department of transportation, including allocation and use of moneys from the road use tax fund and the primary road fund, and related matters.

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

Section 1. ROAD USE TAX FUND. There is appropriated from the road use tax fund to the department of transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

1. For the payment of costs associated with the production of driver's licenses, as defined in section 321.1, subsection 20A:

..... \$ 3,047,000

Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or unobligated funds remaining on June 30, 2008, from the appropriation made in this subsection shall not revert, but shall remain available for subsequent fiscal years for the purposes specified in this subsection.

2. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

a. Operations:

..... \$ 6,237,000

b. Planning:

..... \$ 470,000

c. Motor vehicles:

..... \$ 33,347,113

3. For payments to the department of administrative services for utility services:

..... \$ 145,000<sup>1</sup>

4. Unemployment compensation:

..... \$ 17,000

5. For payments to the department of administrative services for paying workers' compensation claims under chapter 85 on behalf of employees of the department of transportation:

..... \$ 108,000

6. For payment to the general fund of the state for indirect cost recoveries:

..... \$ 102,000

7. For reimbursement to the auditor of state for audit expenses as provided in section 11.5B:

..... \$ 60,988

8. For automation, telecommunications, and related costs associated with the county issuance of driver's licenses and vehicle registrations and titles:

..... \$ 1,832,000

9. For transfer to the department of public safety for operating a system providing toll-free telephone road and weather conditions information:

..... \$ 100,000

10. For costs associated with the participation in the Mississippi river parkway commission:

..... \$ 40,000

11. For membership in the North America's superhighway corridor coalition:

..... \$ 50,000

12. For scale maintenance projects at various locations:

..... \$ 100,000

Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2010.

<sup>1</sup> See chapter 215, §50 herein

13. For development of an international registration plan and international fuel tax administration system:

..... \$ 1,000,000

Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2009.

Sec. 2. PRIMARY ROAD FUND. There is appropriated from the primary road fund to the department of transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

a. Operations:  
 ..... \$ 38,311,652  
 ..... FTEs 305.00

b. Planning:  
 ..... \$ 8,920,908  
 ..... FTEs 132.00

c. Highways:  
 ..... \$ 209,436,880  
 ..... FTEs 2,454.00

d. Motor vehicles:  
 ..... \$ 1,384,000  
 ..... FTEs 483.00

2. For payments to the department of administrative services for utility services:  
 ..... \$ 888,000<sup>2</sup>

3. Unemployment compensation:  
 ..... \$ 328,000

4. For payments to the department of administrative services for paying workers' compensation claims under chapter 85 on behalf of the employees of the department of transportation:  
 ..... \$ 2,592,000

5. For disposal of hazardous wastes from field locations and the central complex:  
 ..... \$ 800,000

6. For payment to the general fund for indirect cost recoveries:  
 ..... \$ 748,000

7. For reimbursement to the auditor of state for audit expenses as provided in section 11.5B:  
 ..... \$ 376,212

8. For costs associated with producing transportation maps:  
 ..... \$ 242,000

9. For inventory and equipment replacement:  
 ..... \$ 2,250,000

10. For utility improvements at various locations:  
 ..... \$ 400,000

11. For garage roofing projects at various locations:  
 ..... \$ 100,000

12. For heating, cooling, and exhaust system improvements at various locations:  
 ..... \$ 100,000

13. For deferred maintenance projects at field facilities throughout the state:  
 ..... \$ 351,500

14. For construction of a new Clarinda garage:  
 ..... \$ 2,300,000

<sup>2</sup> See chapter 215, §51 herein

- 15. For federal Americans With Disabilities Act improvements at various locations:  
..... \$ 200,000
- 16. For elevator upgrades at the Ames complex:  
..... \$ 100,000

Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in subsections 10 through 16 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2010.

*\*Sec. 3. STATE EMPLOYEE TELECOMMUTING — POLICY DEVELOPMENT — IMPLEMENTATION.*

1. *The director of a department or state agency to which appropriations are made pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall assess the extent to which job classifications or individual employment positions with the department or agency might be effectively performed from an employee's residence or other remote location through telecommuting, thereby increasing office space within the department or agency and reducing administrative costs. The assessment shall include an estimate of the number of department or agency employees whose job responsibilities could be effectively performed on a telecommuting basis, projected costs of establishing and maintaining work stations at an employee's residence or other remote location and providing telecommuter support, anticipated savings to the department or agency through a reduction in the office-based workforce, and anticipated time and cost savings to telecommuting employees. A report summarizing the assessment shall be submitted to the director of the department of administrative services, and the members of the general assembly, by November 1, 2007.*

2. *Based on the assessment conducted pursuant to subsection 1, the director shall develop a telecommuter employment policy for the department or agency and a timeline for initial policy implementation and plans for expanding the number of telecommuting employees. Specific office-based workforce reduction percentages shall be left to the discretion of the director, but the director shall implement a policy transferring some number of office-based employees to telecommuter status by January 1, 2008. The director shall report to the director of the department of administrative services and the members of the general assembly on an annual basis beginning January 1, 2009, the number of telecommuting employees, cost savings achieved by the department or agency, and plans for continued transfer of office-based employees to telecommuter status.\**

Approved May 29, 2007, with exception noted.

CHESTER J. CULVER, Governor

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 752, an Act making transportation and other infrastructure-related appropriations to the Department of Transportation. House File 752 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 3 in its entirety. This provision requires the director of a department or state agency included in House File 752 to examine employee telecommuting options, develop a telecommuter employment policy, and implement a plan designed to increase the number of telecommuting employees. Many departments currently maintain employee telecommuting policies. These policies and procedures have been in place for several years and are well established. The designated language in Section 3 directing a

\* Item veto; see message at end of the Act

department or state agency to conduct an assessment of its telecommuting policy is duplicative and unnecessary and introduces a legislatively mandated management process into what is appropriately an executive branch decision. I will direct the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Management to review the current state government telecommuting policy and make recommendations for any improvements as part of our overall executive branch strategic planning process.

For the reasons above, I respectfully disapprove of the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 752 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,  
CHESTER J. CULVER, Governor

**CHAPTER 217**

**APPROPRIATIONS — ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION**

*H.F. 874*

**AN ACT** relating to and making appropriations to certain state departments, agencies, funds, and certain other entities and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.**

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of administrative services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	6,296,623
.....	FTEs	419.85

b. For the payment of utility costs:

.....	\$	3,822,105
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Notwithstanding section 8.33, any excess funds appropriated for utility costs in this lettered paragraph shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the end of the fiscal year but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes of this lettered paragraph during the succeeding fiscal year.

It is the intent of the general assembly that the department shall reduce utility costs through energy conservation practices. The goal of the general assembly is to reduce energy use by 10 percent to save money, conserve energy resources, and reduce pollution.

c. For distribution to other governmental entities:

.....	\$	2,000,000
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Moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph shall be separately accounted for in a distribution account and shall be distributed to other governmental entities based upon a formula established by the department to pay for services provided during the fiscal year to such other governmental entities by the department associated with the integrated information for Iowa system.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See chapter 219, §§ herein