

CHAPTER 1006

REQUIREMENTS FOR ODOMETER STATEMENTS — EXEMPTIONS

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AN ACT providing for exemptions relating to odometer requirements, and including effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. [Section 321.71, subsections 7, 9, and 11](#), Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

7. A certificate of title shall not be issued for a motor vehicle ~~less than ten model years old~~ which is equipped with an odometer by the manufacturer, unless an odometer statement which is in compliance with federal law and regulations has been made by the transferor of the vehicle and is furnished with the application for certificate of title, or unless an exemption applies under [49 C.F.R. §580.17](#). The new certificate of title shall record on its face the odometer reading and the word “actual” if the true mileage is known. If the odometer reading is not the true mileage or the true mileage is unknown, the words “not actual” shall be recorded. If the odometer reading is greater than the odometer can mechanically count, the words “exceeds the mechanical limits” shall be recorded. However, a certificate of title may be issued for a motor vehicle to a person who moves into this state if the person acquired ownership of the motor vehicle prior to moving to this state. ~~This subsection does not apply to motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than sixteen thousand pounds.~~

9. ~~An~~ Unless an exemption applies under [49 C.F.R. §580.17](#) or unless a certificate of title has been issued for the vehicle in the name of the dealer, an Iowa licensed motor vehicle dealer shall not have in possession as inventory for sale a used motor vehicle acquired by the dealer after the tenth model year prior to the current registration year, for which the dealer does not possess an odometer statement by the transferor which is in compliance with federal law and regulations unless a certificate of title has been issued for the vehicle in the name of the dealer. Transfer of a new motor vehicle with an ownership document which is a manufacturer’s statement of origin requires an odometer statement only when transferred at retail.

11. The department may adopt rules to administer [this section](#), which rules shall be in compliance with the federal Truth in Mileage Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-579, and [49 C.F.R. pt. 580](#).

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1, 2021.

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