

CHAPTER 31

RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES WITHOUT EXAMINATION

H.F. 280

AN ACT authorizing the department of transportation to renew certain valid commercial driver's licenses without examination, including by electronic renewal, and including effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. [Section 321.188, subsection 1](#), paragraph d, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

d. Successfully pass knowledge tests and driving skills tests, provide self-certification of type of driving, provide a medical examiner's certificate prepared by a medical examiner, as defined in [49 C.F.R. §390.5](#), and provide all other required information, proofs, and certificates, as required by rule by the department. The rules adopted shall substantially comply with the federal minimum testing and licensing requirements in [49 C.F.R. pt. 383, subpts. E, G, and H](#), as adopted by rule by the department. Except as required under [subsection 3](#) or [49 C.F.R. pt. 383, subpt. E, G, or H](#), a commercial driver's license is renewable without a knowledge test or driving skills test within one year after its expiration date.

Sec. 2. [Section 321.196, subsection 4](#), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

~~The~~ Except as required in [section 321.180](#) or [321.188](#), the department in its discretion may authorize the renewal of a valid driver's license ~~other than a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit~~ upon application without an examination provided that the applicant meets one of the following conditions:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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