

CHAPTER 60

VEHICLES OF EXCESSIVE SIZE AND WEIGHT — HIGHWAYS AND STREETS UPON WHICH MOVEMENT IS PERMITTED — WARNING LIGHTS

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AN ACT relating to vehicles of excessive size and weight, including highways and streets upon which movement of such vehicles is permitted and warning lights on such vehicles.

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

Section 1. [Section 321E.3, subsection 1](#), paragraph b, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

b. (1) The department may issue all-systems permits under [section 321E.8](#) which are valid for ~~movements~~ movement on all paved highways or streets ~~under the jurisdiction of either the state~~, except the interstate road system if prohibited under [section 321E.8](#), ~~or those and except any highways or streets under the jurisdiction of local authorities that have indicated upon which an all-systems permit is not valid as determined by the applicable local authority if the local authority indicates such highways and streets to the department in writing, including by means of electronic communication, those streets or highways for which an all-systems permit is not valid.~~ However, a local authority shall not determine that any paved farm-to-market road, or highway or street designated as a truck route, is not valid for purposes of an all-systems permit without justification. A highway or street under the jurisdiction of a local authority upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid shall connect with a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the state, or with another highway or street upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid that ultimately connects with a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the state.

(2) A local authority that indicates a highway or street, including a paved farm-to-market road, upon which an all-systems permit is not valid under subparagraph (1) shall provide a written justification report to the department explaining the local authority's determination. If the department disagrees with the local authority's determination, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with [chapter 17A](#).

(3) Notwithstanding a local authority's determination under this paragraph, a person who is issued an all-systems permit may operate a permitted vehicle over the most direct route between the location where the vehicle is loaded or is to be unloaded and the nearest highway or street upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid.

Sec. 2. [Section 321E.24](#), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

321E.24 Warning and lighting devices on oversize vehicles and loads.

The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) regarding oversize load signs, warning flags, vehicle length warning lights, and projecting-load lights. A vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross weight or combined gross weight exceeding eighty thousand pounds shall not be required to display warning lights based on the vehicle's weight, but may otherwise be required to display warning lights based on length, a projecting load, or other factors, as provided by law.

Sec. 3. [2022 Iowa Acts, chapter 1076, section 7](#), is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 7. PERMITS — COUNTY AUTHORIZATION AND INDICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. On or before July 1, 2025, every county shall authorize vehicles issued a permit under [section 321E.8, subsection 1A](#), as enacted in this Act, to operate on all paved farm-to-market roads, highways and streets designated as a truck route, and certain secondary roads and indicate to the department of transportation in writing, including by means of electronic communication, those secondary roads for which a permit under [section 321E.8, subsection 1A](#), as enacted in this Act, is not valid, as described in [section 321E.3](#), as amended in this Act.

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