



## PROPOSAL

### ALLOW ELECTRONIC RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES (CDLs)

**PROPOSED SOLUTION:** Amend sections 321.188 and 321.196 of the Iowa Code to allow CDL holders (without a hazardous materials endorsement) to renew their licenses electronically every other renewal period by using [mymvd.iowadot.gov](http://mymvd.iowadot.gov)



## BACKGROUND

During the Iowa DOT's response to COVID-19, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced that they will allow the electronic renewal of CDLs unless the person holds a hazardous materials endorsement (HME). To maintain an HME, federal regulations require the person to complete the hazardous materials knowledge test in-person at each renewal.

Currently, Iowa Code specifically prohibits the electronic renewal of a CDL, but allows electronic renewals of noncommercial licenses every other renewal.

CDL holders certifying to non-expected interstate driving are required to have a valid medical certificate on file prior to renewal. Certificates are accepted via mail, fax or email.



## POSITIVE IMPACT



**PROVIDES GREATER FLEXIBILITY & CONVENIENCE**  
for CDL holders.



**DECREASES WAIT TIMES FOR IOWANS SEEKING APPOINTMENTS OR SERVICE**  
whose needs must be met in-person.



**FURTHERS COVID-19 RELIEF**  
by reducing unnecessary in-person visits to DOT service centers and county treasurer's offices by an **estimated 28,000 people per year.**



**INCREASES EFFICIENCY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE STAFF**  
by reallocating their time to serve more customers including administering driving exams, responding to customer emails and phone calls, document processing, and records work.