

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rulemaking related to sanctions**

The Transportation Department hereby amends Chapter 615, “Sanctions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 321.210.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 321.210.

*Purpose and Summary*

The purpose of this rulemaking is to comply with 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 22, section 7. This legislation, which implemented Iowa’s hands-free driving law, included convictions under Iowa Code section 321.276 in the determination of whether a driver’s license suspension will be issued.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking*

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 7, 2026, as **ARC 9883C**. Public hearings were held on the following date:

- January 28, 2026

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rulemaking*

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on March 10, 2026.

*Fiscal Impact*

There is no fiscal impact to the State beyond what is required by the underlying statute, which authorizes the Department to impose driver’s license sanctions for certain convictions, including violations of Iowa Code section 321.276.

*Jobs Impact*

There is no impact on jobs as a result of this rulemaking that was not already required as a result of the underlying statutes.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 11.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rulemaking will become effective on May 20, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 761—615.5(321) as follows:

**761—615.5(321) Suspension of a habitually reckless or negligent driver.**

**615.5(1)** No change.

**615.5(2)** In this rule, speeding violations specified in Iowa Code section 321.210(2)“d” and violations under Iowa Code section 321.276 are not included.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.210.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 761—615.6(321) as follows:

**761—615.6(321) Suspension of a habitual violator.**

**615.6(1)** and **615.6(2)** No change.

**615.6(3)** In this rule, speeding violations specified in Iowa Code section 321.210(2)“d” and violations under Iowa Code section 321.276 are not included.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.210.

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