

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: rule 761—602.3(321)
“Driver’s Licenses”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 321.189

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 321.180 and 321.189

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

June 23, 2026
10 to 10:30 a.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)
Or dial: 515.817.6093
Conference ID: 123 320 295#

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Transportation no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to conform with 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2088, which eliminates the chauffeur’s instruction permit as a permit type issued by the Department, and updates the rules to reflect how commercial learner’s permits and restricted commercial driver’s licenses will display under the Department’s new information technology (IT) system. The chauffeur’s instruction permit was removed from statute because it is obsolete; individuals can instead use a Class C permit or license to gain the driving experience required for a chauffeur’s license. Additionally, commercial learner’s permits and restricted commercial driver’s licenses will display an identifier for the license type on the front of the credential rather than only a restriction number that is explained on the back of the license.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

• **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

There are no costs or fees associated with this proposed amendment beyond those imposed by the underlying statute.

• **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Persons interested in a chauffeur’s license, a commercial learner’s permit or a restricted commercial driver’s license will benefit from having the rule reflect the statute and the new capabilities of the Department’s IT system.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

• **Quantitative description of impact:**

There are no quantitative impacts.

• **Qualitative description of impact:**

There are no qualitative impacts.

3. Costs to the State:

• **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

There are no implementation or enforcement costs beyond those of the underlying statute.

• **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There are no anticipated effects on State revenues beyond those of the underlying statute.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

There is no benefit of inaction. The proposed amendment conforms with underlying statute and the new capabilities of the Department's IT system.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

There are no less costly or less intrusive methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed amendment.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

• **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

The Department did not consider alternatives for the proposed amendment.

• **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

• Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

• Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

• Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

• Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

• Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no small business impact from the proposed amendment.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend rule 761—602.3(321) as follows:

761—602.3(321) Driver's licenses.

602.3(1) No change.

602.3(2) *Special licenses and permits.* The department issues the following special licenses and permits. More than one type of special license or permit may be issued to an applicant. On the driver's

license, an identifier or a restriction number designates the type of special license or permit issued as follows:

1—Motorcycle instruction permit—includes motorcycle instruction permits issued under Iowa Code sections 321.180(1) and 321.180B(1)

2—Noncommercial instruction permit (vehicle less than 16,001 gross vehicle weight rating)—includes instruction permits, other than motorcycle instruction permits, issued under Iowa Code sections 321.180(1), 321.180A and 321.180B(1)

~~3—Commercial learner's permit~~

~~4—Chauffeur's instruction permit~~

5—Motorized bicycle (moped) license

6—Minor's restricted work license

7—Special minor's restricted license

8—Special instruction permit

Commercial learner's permit

Restricted commercial driver's license

602.3(3) No change.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.178, 321.180 ~~through~~ as amended by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2088, section 2, 321.180A, 321.180B, 321.189, and 321.194.