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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: rule 761—450.5(321)
"Front Windshields, Windows or Sidewings"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 321.438
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 321.438

Public Hearing

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

August 11, 2026 9:30 to 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 653 874 802#

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 Department proposes to rescind rule 761—450.5(321) to conform with 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 766, which amends Iowa Code section 321.438 to establish the minimum transparency standards for vehicle windows and eliminates the Department's authority to adopt administrative rules concerning those standards.

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 rescission beyond those of the underlying statute.

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

The benefit of rescinding the existing rule is compliance with the underlying statute.

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 beyond those of the underlying statute.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

There are no qualitative impacts beyond those of the underlying statute.

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 underlying statute eliminates the Department's authority to adopt administrative rules concerning minimum transparency standards for vehicle windows.

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 rule rescission, which is to conform with underlying statute.

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 rescission.

- **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 impact on small business beyond those of the underlying statute.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve rule **761—450.5(321)**.