Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 761—Chapter 812
"Classifications and Standards for Highway-Railroad Grade Crossings"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 307.12(1)"j"
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 307.26

Public Hearing

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

October 30, 2025 9:30 to 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 295 875 453#

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral 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 Chapter 812 because this chapter is unnecessary. Information on the classification and standards for highway railroad grade crossings is already available on the Department's website: Federal Aid Crossing Safety Program.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

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

The Department has a minimal cost to run an annual report to classify the railroad crossings in the State. The rescission of this chapter does not affect the costs.

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

Operating railroads and road authorities will continue to receive an annual report of the crossings classifications for the crossings under the operating railroads' and road authorities' jurisdictions and railroads' ownership if this chapter is rescinded.

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:**

Rescinding this chapter does not have a quantitative impact.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

Rescinding this chapter does not have a qualitative impact.

3. **Costs to the State:**

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

There are no costs to the Department or other agencies due to rescinding this chapter.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no impact to State revenues due to rescinding this chapter.

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

There are no costs due to rescinding the chapter. The benefits include the reduction of one chapter and the standards will continue to be available on the Department's website. The Department will continue to calculate the accident prediction for railroad crossing locations for uniform and consistent information.

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 rescinding the chapter.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

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

The Department decided this chapter was unnecessary and proposes to rescind Chapter 812. The formula and methodology used to classify crossings will continue to be available on the Department's website: Federal Aid Crossing Safety Program.

- **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 due to rescinding the chapter.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **761—Chapter 812**.