

CHAPTER 98

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING — DUTIES AND ADMINISTRATION

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AN ACT relating to matters under the purview of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 10A.110 Standards adopted by reference — access.**

Notwithstanding [section 17A.6, subsection 3](#), the department and any statutorily established board, commission, committee, or council under the purview of the department may adopt standards by reference to another publication without posting the publication to the department's internet sites if the publication containing the standards is readily accessible on the internet at no cost and the internet site at which the publication may be found is included in the administrative rules that adopt the standard.

Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 10A.111 Complaints.**

The department may administratively close a complaint that does not allege a violation of [this chapter](#), the enabling statute of a board under the purview of the department, or a rule of a board under the purview of the department.

Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. 10A.112 Fees.**

If a board under the purview of the department is otherwise authorized by law to establish fees by rule, the board, following approval by the department, may, or at the direction of the department, shall, by rule establish or revise such fees.

Sec. 4. [Section 10A.402, subsection 1](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1. Investigations relative to the practice of regulated professions and occupations, ~~except those within the jurisdiction of the board of medicine, the board of pharmacy, the dental board, and the board of nursing.~~

Sec. 5. [Section 10A.402](#), Code 2025, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Investigations relating to compliance with state or federal law, if an entity of the executive branch of state government, except for an institution under the control of the state board of regents, has entered into a written agreement with the department to conduct the investigation.

Sec. 6. [Section 10A.403](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

10A.403 Investigators — peace officer status.

Investigators of the department shall have the powers and authority of peace officers when acting within the scope of their responsibilities to conduct investigations as specified in [section 10A.402, subsection subsections 5 and 7](#). An investigator shall not carry a weapon to perform responsibilities as described in [this section](#).

Sec. 7. **NEW SECTION. 10A.508 Confidentiality.**

1. The department shall keep confidential the private information of a person licensed, previously licensed, or seeking to be licensed by the department or a licensing board under the administrative authority of the department, unless otherwise ordered by a court, the lawful custodian of the records, or another person duly authorized to release the information.

2. For purposes of [this section](#):

a. “Licensed” shall be construed broadly and includes but is not limited to registration with or certification by the department or a licensing board under the administrative authority of the department.

b. “Private information” means information that can be used alone or in combination with other information to identify, contact, or locate a person in that person's individual or private capacity, or the disclosure of which would otherwise constitute a clearly unwarranted

invasion of personal privacy, including but not limited to a person's social security number, driver's license number, financial account number, individual taxpayer identification number, personal identification number, date of birth, other unique identifying number, home address, home telephone number, electronic mail address, and other contact information, and the names of the person's minor children.

Sec. 8. [Section 103.32, subsection 3](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3. When an inspection is requested by a property owner, the minimum fee shall be thirty dollars plus five dollars per branch circuit or feeder. ~~The fee for fire and accident inspections shall be computed at the rate of forty-seven dollars per hour, and mileage and other expenses shall be reimbursed as provided by the department.~~

Sec. 9. [Section 321L.5, subsection 2](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

2. A persons with disabilities parking space designated after July 1, 1990, shall comply with the dimension requirements specified in rules adopted by the department of public safety inspections, appeals, and licensing and in effect when the spaces are designated. The department shall adopt accepted national standards for dimensions of persons with disabilities spaces, consistent with the requirements of federal law. However, these dimension requirements do not apply to parallel on-street parking spaces.

Sec. 10. [Section 321L.8, subsection 2](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

2. The department of public safety inspections, appeals, and licensing shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) governing the manner in which persons with disabilities parking spaces are provided.

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