

**321.104 Penal offenses against title law.**

It is a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under [section 805.8A, subsection 2](#), for any person to commit any of the following acts:

1. To operate any motor vehicle upon the highways upon which the certificate of title has been canceled, or while a certificate of registration of a motor vehicle is suspended or revoked.
2. For a dealer or a person acting on behalf of a dealer to acquire, purchase, hold or display for sale a motor vehicle without having obtained a manufacturer's or importer's certificate or a certificate of title, or assignments thereof, unless otherwise provided in [this chapter](#).
3. To fail to surrender a certificate of title, registration card, or registration plates upon cancellation, suspension, or revocation of the certificate or registration by the department and notice as prescribed in [this chapter](#).
4. To sell, offer for sale, or transfer a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except as provided in [section 321.47](#) or [321.48](#), [section 321.52, subsection 2](#), paragraph "b", or [section 321.52, subsection 4](#), paragraph "a", without obtaining a certificate of title in the name of the seller or transferor or without delivering to the purchaser or transferee a certificate of title or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate duly assigned to the purchaser or transferee as provided in [this chapter](#).
5. To violate any of the other provisions of [this chapter](#) or any lawful rules adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#).
6. For a manufacturer or mobile home retailer to sell or transfer a mobile home or manufactured home without delivering to the purchaser or transferee a certificate of title or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate properly assigned to the purchaser, or to transfer a mobile home or manufactured home without disclosing to the purchaser the owner of the mobile home or manufactured home in a manner prescribed by the department pursuant to rules, or to fail to apply for and obtain a certificate of title for a used mobile home or manufactured home, titled in Iowa, acquired by the manufacturer or mobile home retailer within thirty days from the date of acquisition as required under [section 321.45, subsection 4](#).

[S13, §1571-m24; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5086; C39, §5007.08; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321.104; [82 Acts, ch 1251, §15](#)]

[85 Acts, ch 195, §33](#); [86 Acts, ch 1237, §20](#); [87 Acts, ch 130, §5](#); [97 Acts, ch 108, §9](#); [99 Acts, ch 188, §13](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1154, §23](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1203, §5](#); [2001 Acts, ch 137, §5](#); [2001 Acts, ch 153, §17](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1119, §49](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1190, §36](#); [2015 Acts, ch 52, §6, 14](#); [2017 Acts, ch 31, §4](#)

Referred to in [§321.48, 805.8A\(2\)\(f\)](#)