

321E.3 Permit-issuing authorities.

1. *a.* Permits issued under [this chapter](#) shall be issued by the authority responsible for the maintenance of the system of highways or streets. However, the department may issue permits on primary road extensions in cities in conjunction with movements on the rural primary road system.

b. The department may issue all-systems permits under [section 321E.8](#) which are valid for movements on all highways or streets under the jurisdiction of either the state, except the interstate road system if prohibited under [section 321E.8](#), or those local authorities that have indicated to the department in writing, including by means of electronic communication, those streets or highways for which an all-systems permit is not valid.

2. At the request of a local authority, the department shall issue permits under [this chapter](#) for highways or streets that are under the jurisdiction of the local authority if the local authority has indicated to the department in writing, including by means of electronic communication, those streets or highways for which a permit is not valid.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of [this chapter](#) to the contrary, the department shall develop and implement a single statewide system to receive applications for and issue permits authorized under [this chapter](#) that allow for the operation of vehicles of excessive size or weight on highways or streets under the jurisdiction of the state or local authorities. The department is authorized to determine, in consultation with the applicable local authorities, the network of highways and streets under the jurisdiction of local authorities, including the appropriate routes, on which vehicles issued permits under the system are authorized to operate. Permits issued under the system shall be issued by the department for a fee established by the department by rule, which fees shall be proportionate to the fees set forth in [section 321E.14](#). The department shall allocate a portion of the fees collected under [this subsection](#) to local authorities having jurisdiction over highways or streets on which vehicles issued permits under the system are authorized to operate.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321E.2]

[86 Acts, ch 1210, §7](#); [94 Acts, ch 1087, §11](#); [96 Acts, ch 1089, §6](#); [2007 Acts, ch 143, §18](#); [2013 Acts, ch 49, §3, 28](#)

C2014, §321E.3

[2019 Acts, ch 15, §2](#); [2019 Acts, ch 158, §2](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1076, §3, 8](#)

Referred to in [§321E.2, 321E.26](#)

On or before July 1, 2025, every county shall authorize vehicles issued a permit under [section 321E.8, subsection 2](#), to operate on certain secondary roads and indicate to the department of transportation in writing, including by means of electronic communication, those secondary roads for which a permit under [section 321E.8, subsection 2](#), is not valid; [2022 Acts, ch 1076, §7](#)

2022 amendment to [subsection 1](#) effective January 1, 2023; [2022 Acts, ch 1076, §8](#)

Subsection 1 amended