

453A.17 Distributing agent's permit.

1. Every distributing agent in the state, now engaged, or who desires to become engaged, in the business of storing unstamped cigarettes which are received in interstate commerce for distribution or delivery only upon order received from without the state or to be sold outside the state, shall file with the department electronically, an application for a distributing agent's permit, on a form prescribed by the director. Said form shall set forth the name under which such distributing agent transacts or intends to transact such business as a distributing agent, the principal office and place of business in Iowa to which the permit is to apply, and if other than an individual, the principal officers or members thereof and their addresses. The director may require any other information in said application. No distributing agent shall engage in such business until such application has been filed and fee in the sum of one hundred dollars paid for the permit and until the permit has been obtained. Such permit shall expire on June 30 following the date of issuance. All of the provisions of the last two paragraphs of [section 453A.14](#), relative to bonds, are incorporated herein and by this reference made applicable to distributing agents. Upon failure to furnish adequate bond as required, the permit shall be revoked without hearing. An application shall be filed and a permit obtained for each place of business owned or operated by a distributing agent.

2. Upon receipt of the application, bond and permit fee, the department may issue to every distributing agent for the place of business designated a nonassignable consecutively numbered permit, authorizing the storing, and distribution of unstamped cigarettes within this state when the distribution is made upon interstate orders only. A distributing agent may also transport unstamped cigarettes in the agent's own conveyances to the state boundary for distribution outside the state, and any nonresident customer of the distributor may purchase and convey unstamped cigarettes to the state line for distribution outside the state. The nonresident purchaser shall have in possession an invoice evidencing the purchase of the unstamped cigarettes, which must be exhibited upon request to any peace officer or agent charged with the enforcement of [this subchapter](#).

3. Cigarettes set aside for interstate business must be kept separate from intrastate stock and those not so kept shall be considered as intrastate stock and subject to the same requirements as cigarettes possessed for the purpose of a "first sale".

4. It is unlawful for any distributing agent to sell at retail cigarettes from automobiles, trucks, or any similar conveyances.

[C39, §1556.12; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §98.17]

C93, §453A.17

[2018 Acts, ch 1041, §127](#); [2025 Acts, ch 132, §13](#)

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