



END OF SESSION — HF463 — MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMITS

Description. [House File 463](#) amends the validity period of a commercial learner's permit (CLP) to match federal code. The Bill also allows certain commercial motor vehicles (CMV) with auxiliary power or idle-reduction technology to exceed the maximum gross weight limits under Iowa Code chapter [321](#) by 550 pounds or the weight of the applicable technology, whichever is less.

The Act further regulates the enforcement powers and duties of Department of Transportation (DOT) Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE) officers under Iowa Code section [321.477](#). The Act confers the authority of a peace officer to designated DOT employees to enforce all the laws of the State, including DOT rules and regulations as defined under Iowa Code section [801.4](#). Enforcement officers may not exercise the general powers of a police officer within city limits unless:

- A mayor makes a request with the approval of the Director of the DOT.
- A sheriff or county attorney makes a request with the approval of the Director of the DOT.
- The MVE officer is in pursuit of law violators or law investigations.
- The MVE officer is performing CMV inspections under Iowa Code chapter 321 or any additional inspections as ordered by the Director of the DOT.
- The MVE officer is conducting the investigation of laws relating to narcotics and other drugs.

The DOT is required to file a report with the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year detailing the CMV and non-CMV enforcement activities conducted in the previous fiscal year.

The section of the Act amending Iowa Code section 321.477 is repealed July 1, 2018.

Fiscal Impact. The Act has the following fiscal impacts:

- The fiscal impact to the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) from the revenue reduction of CLP renewals is expected to be minimal.
- The fiscal impact to the RUTF from changing weight restrictions for certain commercial vehicles that employ auxiliary power units or idle-reduction technologies is expected to be minimal.
- There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or the RUTF from amending Iowa Code section 321.477 to regulate the authority of MVE officers.
- There may be no or minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) or the General Fund for CMV enforcement reimbursement under the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).
- There may be no or minimal fiscal impact to the DOT or the RUTF for CMV enforcement reimbursement under MCSAP.

Enactment Date. The Act was approved by the General Assembly on April 21, 2017.

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