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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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## Motor Vehicle Division — RUTF

### Purpose and History

The Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for administering and enforcing federal and State motor vehicle laws and regulations, including testing, licensing, and sanctioning of all drivers. The Division maintains and oversees driver-related and vehicle-related functions, including all driver history files, central issuance of driver's licenses, crash reports, vehicle titles, vehicle registrations, driver offenses, permits, county-based registrations, weigh stations, issuance of special plates, driver safety, and education. The Division includes the following bureaus:

- System and Administration
- Customer Services
- Compliance and Policy
- Investigations
- Central Programs

### Funding

The appropriation for the Division is included in the annual Transportation Appropriations Act under the purview of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee. Beginning FY 2025, the General Assembly funded the Motor Vehicle Division entirely from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). The General Assembly also annually appropriates full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to the Division.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [321](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [761](#)

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### More Information

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