

# Senate Study Bill 56

## Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.179 COUNTY TREASURERS &ndash;  
1 2 ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES.

1 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or chapter  
1 4 321L which grant sole authority to the department for the  
1 5 issuance of motor vehicle licenses, nonoperator's  
1 6 identification cards, and handicapped identification devices,  
1 7 the counties of Adams, Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, and  
1 8 Page shall be authorized to issue motor vehicle licenses on a  
1 9 permanent basis.

1 10 Sec. 2. ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES BY COUNTY  
1 11 TREASURERS &ndash; PILOT PROJECT EXPANSION.

1 12 1. Twenty-four counties in addition to those counties  
1 13 referenced in section 321.179, as created in this Act, shall  
1 14 be included in the motor vehicle license issuance pilot  
1 15 project originally established pursuant to 1993 Iowa Acts,  
1 16 chapter 169, section 14. Of the 24 counties, the state  
1 17 department of transportation shall choose four counties which  
1 18 have a population of between 35,000 and 50,000. The county  
1 19 treasurers' offices in the designated counties shall issue  
1 20 motor vehicle licenses, including commercial driver's  
1 21 licenses, nonoperator's identification cards, and handicapped  
1 22 identification devices.

1 23 2. The state department of transportation shall work in  
1 24 conjunction with the county treasurer in each designated  
1 25 county and with a representative of the Iowa state county  
1 26 treasurers association to facilitate and implement the  
1 27 transfer of licensing duties and responsibilities to the  
1 28 designated counties in accordance with all of the following:

1 29 a. The department shall retain all administrative  
1 30 authority over licensing functions which shall include  
1 31 administrative procedures relating to cancellation,  
1 32 revocation, or suspension of licenses, administrative hearings  
1 33 and appeals, and training.

1 34 b. The department shall provide the county treasurer's  
1 35 office in each of the counties with all of the supplies,  
2 1 materials, and equipment necessary to carry out the provisions  
2 2 of this subsection.

2 3 c. If it is necessary for a county treasurer to hire  
2 4 additional employees first priority in hiring shall be given  
2 5 to current employees of the department who become unemployed  
2 6 due to the changes necessitated by this section.

2 7 d. The county treasurers in the designated counties shall  
2 8 be required to offer extended hours of service to the public.

2 9 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 321 and 321L  
2 10 which grant sole authority to the department for the issuance  
2 11 of motor vehicle licenses, nonoperator's identification cards,  
2 12 and handicapped identification devices, the county treasurer  
2 13 in each of the counties chosen for the pilot project shall be  
2 14 granted the same authority as is given to the department in  
2 15 relation to the issuance of motor vehicle licenses,  
2 16 nonoperator's identification cards, and handicapped  
2 17 identification devices under chapters 321 and 321L.

2 18 Sec. 3. The state department of transportation shall  
2 19 provide moneys to the thirty counties designated as either  
2 20 permanent or pilot project counties in this Act for the costs  
2 21 of implementing and complying with the provisions of this Act.

2 22 The moneys shall be allocated from road use tax fund moneys  
2 23 appropriated to the motor vehicle division of the state  
2 24 department of transportation.

2 25 EXPLANATION

2 26 In 1993, a pilot project was established which authorized  
2 27 the county treasurers to issue motor vehicle licenses,  
2 28 including commercial driver's licenses, nonoperator's  
2 29 identification cards, and handicapped identification devices.  
2 30 The six counties chosen were Adams, Cass, Fremont, Mills,  
2 31 Montgomery, and Page. This bill expands that original pilot  
2 32 project to an additional 24 counties, four of which must be  
2 33 with a population between 35,000 and 50,000 and makes the  
2 34 initial pilot project counties permanent motor vehicle license  
2 35 issuance counties.

3 1 The bill provides that moneys be allocated from the motor  
3 2 vehicle division of the state department of transportation to  
3 3 the 30 counties to pay for the costs of implementing and  
3 4 maintaining issuance of the county motor vehicle license  
3 5 stations.

3 6 This bill may include a state mandate as defined in section  
3 7 25B.3.

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