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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 56)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the renewal of driver's licenses
2 electronically and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.196, subsection 4, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. The department in its discretion may authorize the
4 renewal of a valid driver's license other than a commercial
5 driver's license upon application without an examination
6 provided that the applicant meets one of the following
7 conditions:

8 a. The applicant satisfactorily passes a vision test as
9 prescribed by the department ~~or~~.

10 b. The applicant files a vision report in accordance with
11 section 321.186A which shows that the applicant's visual acuity
12 level meets or exceeds those required by the department.

13 c. The applicant is eligible for license renewal
14 electronically, pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

15 4A. An application for renewal of a driver's license shall
16 include a statement for the applicant to sign that acknowledges
17 the applicant's knowledge of the requirement to notify the
18 department of a mailing address change under section 321.182,
19 subsection 1.

20 Sec. 2. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of transportation
21 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3,
22 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement
23 section 321.196, subsection 4, paragraph "c", as enacted in
24 this Act, and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
25 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
26 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be
27 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section
28 17A.4.

29 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
30 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

31 EXPLANATION

32 Under current law, an applicant for renewal of a driver's
33 license must either pass a vision test or file a vision report
34 that meets requirements of the department of transportation.
35 This bill provides that when the department renews a driver's

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1 license electronically, it may do so without requiring the
2 licensee to pass a vision test or file a vision report,
3 pursuant to rules of the department. The bill authorizes the
4 adoption of emergency rules to implement this provision. The
5 bill is effective upon enactment.