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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to applications for certificates of title and  
2 annual registration fees for commercial vehicles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.20A, Code 2022, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321.20A Certificate of title and registration fees —**  
4 **commercial vehicles.**

5 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of **this chapter**,  
6 the owner of a commercial vehicle subject to the apportioned  
7 registration provisions of **chapter 326** may make application  
8 to the department or the appropriate county treasurer  
9 for a certificate of title. The owner of a commercial  
10 vehicle purchased pursuant to **section 578A.7** shall present  
11 documentation that such sale was completed in compliance  
12 with that section. The application for certificate of title  
13 shall be made within thirty days of purchase, ~~or transfer,~~  
14 delivery, or the date the commercial vehicle is first driven  
15 or moved upon a highway, and shall be accompanied by a twenty  
16 dollar title fee and the appropriate fee for new registration.  
17 The department or the county treasurer shall deliver the  
18 certificate of title to the owner if there is no security  
19 interest. If there is a security interest, the title,  
20 when issued, shall be delivered to the first secured party.  
21 Delivery may be made using electronic means.

22 2. An owner of ~~more than fifty~~ a commercial vehicles vehicle  
23 subject to the apportioned registration provisions of chapter  
24 326 who is issued a certificate of title under **this section**  
25 shall not be subject to annual registration fees until the  
26 commercial vehicle is driven or moved upon the highways. The  
27 annual registration fee due shall be prorated for the remaining  
28 unexpired months of the registration year. Ownership of the  
29 commercial vehicle shall not be transferred until annual  
30 registration fees have been paid to the department.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 Under current law, the owner of a commercial vehicle subject  
35 to apportioned registration under Code chapter 326 must

1 make application to the department of transportation or the  
2 appropriate county treasurer for a certificate of title within  
3 30 days of the purchase or transfer of the vehicle. The fee for  
4 a certificate of title is \$20 and must be accompanied by the  
5 fee for new registration. An owner of more than 50 commercial  
6 vehicles subject to the apportioned registration provisions of  
7 Code chapter 326 who is issued such a certificate of title is  
8 not subject to annual registration fees until the commercial  
9 vehicle is driven or moved upon the highways.

10 This bill allows an owner of a commercial vehicle to make an  
11 application for certificate of title within 30 days of delivery  
12 or the date the commercial vehicle is first driven or moved  
13 upon a highway. The bill strikes the 50-vehicle threshold,  
14 thereby providing that the owner of any number of commercial  
15 vehicles is not subject to annual registration fees until the  
16 commercial vehicle is driven or moved upon the highways.