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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 512)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration and regulation of matters
2 associated with the operation, registration, and titling of
3 motor vehicles, making penalties applicable, and including
4 applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

CHAUFFEUR'S INSTRUCTION PERMITS

Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 20A, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

20A. "Driver's license" means any license or permit issued to a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of this state, including but not limited to a restricted work, special minor's restricted, temporary restricted, or temporary license and an instruction, ~~chauffeur's instruction~~, commercial learner's, or temporary permit. For purposes of license suspension, revocation, bar, disqualification, cancellation, or denial under this chapter and chapters 321A, 321C, and 321J, "driver's license" includes any privilege to operate a motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. Section 321.180, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 3. Section 321.180, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4. The instruction permit, ~~chauffeur's instruction permit~~, and commercial learner's permit are subject to suspension or revocation for the same reasons and in the same manner as suspension or revocation of a driver's license.

Sec. 4. Section 321.191, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

1. *Instruction permits.* The fee for an instruction permit, other than a special instruction permit, ~~chauffeur's instruction permit~~, or commercial learner's permit, is six dollars. The fee for a special instruction permit is ten dollars. The fee for a ~~chauffeur's instruction permit~~ or commercial learner's permit is twelve dollars.

Sec. 5. Section 321.196, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided, if the licensee is between the ages of seventeen years eleven months and seventy-eight years on the date of issuance of the license, a driver's license, other

1 than an instruction permit, ~~chauffeur's instruction permit~~, or
2 commercial learner's permit issued under section 321.180, expires
3 eight years from the licensee's birthday anniversary occurring in
4 the year of issuance, but not to exceed the licensee's eightieth
5 birthday. If the licensee is under the age of seventeen years
6 eleven months or age seventy-eight or over, the license is
7 effective for a period of two years from the licensee's birthday
8 anniversary occurring in the year of issuance. A licensee
9 whose license is restricted due to vision or other physical
10 deficiencies may be required to renew the license every two
11 years. If a licensee is a foreign national who is temporarily
12 present in this state, the license shall be issued only for the
13 length of time the foreign national is authorized to be present
14 as verified by the department, not to exceed two years.

15 Sec. 6. Section 321J.1, subsection 7, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 7. "Driver's license" means any license or permit issued
18 to a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of
19 this state, including but not limited to a driver's, commercial
20 driver's, temporary restricted, or temporary license and an
21 instruction, ~~chauffeur's instruction~~, commercial learner's, or
22 temporary permit.

23 Sec. 7. Section 321M.1, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 5. "Driver's license" means any license or permit issued
26 to a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of
27 this state, including but not limited to a driver's, commercial
28 driver's, temporary restricted, or temporary license and an
29 instruction, ~~chauffeur's instruction~~, commercial learner's, or
30 temporary permit.

31 Sec. 8. CHAUFFEUR'S INSTRUCTION PERMIT VALIDITY. A
32 chauffeur's instruction permit issued before the effective date
33 of this division of this Act shall remain valid until the
34 expiration date listed on the permit. Until the expiration of
35 the permit, the permittee may continue to operate a motor vehicle

1 in accordance with section 321.180, subsection 3, Code 2026.

2 DIVISION II

3 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS

4 Sec. 9. Section 321.266, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 2. The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting
7 in injury to or death of any person, or total property damage
8 to an apparent extent of ~~one~~ five thousand five hundred dollars
9 or more, or the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident
10 regardless of injury, death, or property damage if the vehicle
11 does not have financial liability coverage in effect, shall,
12 submit a written report of the accident to the department within
13 seventy-two hours after the accident, ~~forward a written report~~
14 ~~of the accident to the department.~~ However, such report is not
15 required when the accident is investigated by a law enforcement
16 agency.

17 3. Every law enforcement officer who, in the regular course
18 of duty, investigates a motor vehicle accident of which report
19 must be made as required in subsections 1 and 2, either at
20 the time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by
21 interviewing participants or witnesses, shall, ~~within twenty-four~~
22 ~~hours after completing such investigation, forward~~ submit a
23 written report of such accident to the department.

24 Sec. 10. Section 321.271, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 1. All accident reports filed by a driver of a vehicle
27 involved in an accident as required under section 321.266 shall
28 be in writing. The report must be in an electronic format and
29 submitted in a manner approved by the department. The report
30 shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting and
31 shall be for the confidential use of the department, except that
32 upon the request of any person involved in the accident, the
33 person's insurance company or its agent, or the attorney for such
34 person, the department shall disclose the identity and address
35 of other persons involved in the accident and may disclose the

1 name of the insurance companies with whom the other persons have
 2 liability insurance. The department, upon written request of
 3 the person making the report, shall provide the person with a
 4 copy of that person's report. The written report filed with the
 5 department shall not be admissible in or used in evidence in any
 6 civil or criminal case arising out of the facts on which the
 7 report is based.

8 2. All written reports filed by a law enforcement officer as
 9 required under section 321.266, or by an officer's or emergency
 10 responder's employer under section 321.267A, shall be in writing.
 11 The report must be in an electronic format and submitted in
 12 a manner approved by the department. A report filed pursuant
 13 to section 321.266 shall be made available to any party to an
 14 accident, the party's insurance company or its agent, the party's
 15 attorney, the federal motor carrier safety administration, or the
 16 attorney general, on written request to the department and the
 17 payment of a fee of four dollars for each copy. If a copy of
 18 an investigating officer's report of a motor vehicle accident
 19 filed with the department is retained by the law enforcement
 20 agency of the officer who filed the report, a copy shall be made
 21 available to any party to the accident, the party's insurance
 22 company or its agent, the party's attorney, the federal motor
 23 carrier safety administration, other law enforcement agencies, or
 24 the attorney general, on written request and the payment of a
 25 fee. However, the attorney general and the federal motor carrier
 26 safety administration shall not be required by the department or
 27 the law enforcement agency to pay a fee for a copy of a report
 28 filed by a law enforcement or investigating officer.

29 Sec. 11. Section 321A.5, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
 30 to read as follows:

31 1. The department shall, immediately or within sixty days
 32 after the receipt of a report of a motor vehicle accident within
 33 this state which has resulted in bodily injury or death to any
 34 person, or property damage to the property of any one person in
 35 the amount of one five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars or more,

1 suspend the license of each operator and all registrations of
2 each owner of a motor vehicle in any manner involved in the
3 accident, and if the operator is a nonresident the privilege of
4 operating a motor vehicle within this state, and if the owner
5 is a nonresident the privilege of the use within this state
6 of any motor vehicle owned by the owner, unless the operator
7 or owner or both shall deposit security in a sum which shall
8 be sufficient in the judgment of the department to satisfy any
9 judgment or judgments for damages resulting from the accident as
10 may be recovered against the operator or owner; provided notice
11 of the suspension shall be sent by the department to the operator
12 and owner not less than ten days prior to the effective date of
13 the suspension and shall state the amount required as security.

14 Sec. 12. Section 321I.11, Code 2026, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **321I.11 Accident reports.**

17 If an all-terrain vehicle is involved in an accident resulting
18 in injury or death to ~~anyone~~ any person, or property damage
19 amounting to ~~one five thousand five hundred~~ five thousand dollars or more,
20 either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall
21 immediately notify the county sheriff or another law enforcement
22 agency in the state. If the accident occurred on public land,
23 public ice, or a designated riding trail under the jurisdiction
24 of the commission, the operator shall file with the commission
25 a report of the accident, within seventy-two hours, containing
26 information as the commission may require. All other accidents
27 shall be reported as required under section 321.266.

28 DIVISION III

29 ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES AND NONOPERATOR'S
30 IDENTIFICATION CARDS

31 Sec. 13. Section 321.189, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
32 by striking the subsection.

33 Sec. 14. Section 321.190, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
34 following new subsections:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *Renewal.* A person may renew a

1 nonoperator's identification card and, if eligible pursuant to
2 rules adopted by the department, may do so electronically. The
3 department shall renew a nonoperator's identification card upon
4 payment of the required fee.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Rules. The department shall adopt rules
6 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

7 Sec. 15. Section 321.195, Code 2026, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **321.195 Replacement of driver's licenses and nonoperator's**
10 **identification cards.**

11 1. A Prior to the expiration of a driver's license or
12 nonoperator's identification card, a person may apply for a
13 replacement, and may do so electronically if eligible pursuant
14 to rules adopted by the department. The fee of ten dollars
15 shall be charged for the replacement of a driver's license or
16 nonoperator's identification card is ten dollars.

17 2. If a person's driver's license or nonoperator's
18 identification card contains inaccurate information, the person
19 shall return the driver's license or nonoperator's identification
20 card to the department and the department shall issue a
21 replacement license or identification card, as applicable.

22 3. If a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card
23 issued under this chapter is lost or destroyed, the person
24 to whom the license or card was issued must furnish proof
25 satisfactory to the department that the driver's license or
26 nonoperator's identification card has been lost or destroyed in
27 order to obtain a replacement.

28 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
29 to administer this section.

30 Sec. 16. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
31 on and after March 1, 2027, or the date the department of
32 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor for
33 publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by
34 the director of transportation that the applicable phase of the
35 department of transportation's new records system is implemented,

1 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy
2 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

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DIVISION IV

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RECORDS SYSTEM

5 Sec. 17. Section 321.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 059A. "Records system" means the records
8 system described in section 321.31.

9 Sec. 18. Section 321.24, subsections 2 and 9, Code 2026, are
10 amended to read as follows:

11 2. The county treasurer shall maintain in the ~~county record~~
12 records system information contained on the registration receipt.
13 The information shall be accessible by registration number and
14 shall be open for public inspection during reasonable business
15 hours. ~~Copies~~ Information the department requires shall be sent
16 to the department in the manner and at the time the department
17 directs.

18 9. The county treasurer or the department, as applicable,
19 shall maintain in the ~~county or department~~ records system the
20 information contained on the certificate of title and the name
21 and address of the previous owner. The information must be
22 accessible by title certificate number for a period of three
23 years from the date of notification of cancellation of title
24 or date that a new title has been issued as provided in this
25 chapter. ~~Copies~~ Information the department requires shall be
26 sent to the department in the manner and at the time the
27 department directs. The department shall designate a uniform
28 system of title numbers to indicate the county of issuance.

29 Sec. 19. Section 321.31, Code 2026, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **321.31 Records system.**

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33 ~~A state and county records system shall be maintained in the~~
34 ~~following manner:~~

35 1. ~~State records system.~~

1 ~~a.~~ The department shall install and maintain a records system
 2 which for use by the department and county treasurers. The
 3 records system must contain records of vehicle registrations
 4 and certificates of title, and information from those documents,
 5 including the registration certificate number, the dates of
 6 perfection and cancellation of security interests, as applicable,
 7 information from the registration receipt, any supporting
 8 documents, the name and address of the vehicle owner, current
 9 and previous registration number, vehicle identification number,
 10 make, model, style, date of purchase, ~~registration certificate~~
 11 ~~number,~~ maximum gross weight, weight, list price or value of
 12 the vehicle as fixed by the department, fees paid, date of
 13 payment, and the name and address of the previous owner. The
 14 records system must contain records relating to the department's
 15 duties under section 307.27. The records system ~~must~~ may
 16 also contain ~~a record of the certificate of title including~~
 17 ~~such other~~ information as the department deems necessary. The
 18 information to be kept in the records system shall be entered
 19 within forty-eight hours after receipt insofar as is ~~practical~~
 20 practicable. The records system ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes the
 21 permanent record of ownership of each vehicle titled under the
 22 laws of this state.

23 ~~b.~~ 2. The department may make ~~photostatic, microfilm, or~~
 24 ~~other photographic~~ copies, including electronic copies, of
 25 certificates of title, registration receipts, or other records,
 26 reports, or documents which are required to be retained by the
 27 department. When copies have been made, the department may
 28 destroy the original records in such manner as prescribed by
 29 the director. ~~The photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic~~
 30 ~~copies, when no longer of use, may be destroyed in the manner~~
 31 ~~prescribed by the director, subject to the approval of the~~
 32 ~~state records commission. Photostatic, microfilm, or other~~
 33 ~~photographic copies~~ Copies of records shall be admissible in
 34 evidence when duly certified and authenticated by the officer
 35 having custody and control of the copies of records. Records of

1 vehicle certificates of title may be destroyed seven years after
 2 the date of issue or five years after the date of issuance if
 3 the vehicle's registration has been delinquent for five or more
 4 consecutive years.

5 ~~e.~~ 3. The director shall maintain a in the records system a
 6 record of delinquent accounts owed to the state using information
 7 provided through the computerized data bank established in
 8 section 421.17. The department and county treasurers shall use
 9 the information maintained in the records system to determine if
 10 applicants for renewal of registration have delinquent accounts,
 11 charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness owed to or
 12 being collected by the state as provided pursuant to section
 13 421.65. The director and the director of revenue shall establish
 14 procedures for updating the delinquent accounts records to add
 15 and remove accounts, as applicable.

16 ~~2. County records system.~~

17 ~~a. Each county treasurer's office shall maintain a county~~
 18 ~~records system for vehicle registration and certificate of title~~
 19 ~~documents. The records system must consist of information from~~
 20 ~~the certificate of title, including the date of perfection~~
 21 ~~and cancellation of security interests, information from the~~
 22 ~~registration receipt, and the name and address of the previous~~
 23 ~~owner. The information shall be maintained in a manner approved~~
 24 ~~by the department.~~

25 ~~b. Records of vehicle certificates of title for vehicles~~
 26 ~~that are delinquent for five or more consecutive years may be~~
 27 ~~destroyed by the county treasurer. Automated files, optical~~
 28 ~~disks, microfiche records, and photostatic, microfilm or other~~
 29 ~~photographic copies of records shall be admissible in evidence~~
 30 ~~when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having~~
 31 ~~custody and control of the records.~~

32 Sec. 20. Section 321.40, subsections 4, 6, 7, and 8, Code
 33 2026, are amended to read as follows:

34 4. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the
 35 registration of a vehicle registered to a person when notified

1 by the department through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~
2 records system that the person has not paid restitution as
3 defined under section 910.1, subsection 10, to a clerk of the
4 court located within the state. Each clerk of court shall,
5 on a daily basis, notify the department through the Iowa court
6 information system of the full name and social security number of
7 all persons who owe delinquent restitution and whose restitution
8 obligation has been satisfied or canceled. This subsection does
9 not apply to the transfer of a registration or the issuance of a
10 new registration.

11 6. a. The department or the county treasurer shall refuse to
12 renew the registration of a vehicle registered to the applicant
13 if the department or the county treasurer knows that the
14 applicant has a delinquent account, charge, fee, loan, taxes, or
15 other indebtedness owed to or being collected by the state, from
16 information provided pursuant to sections 421.17 and 421.65. An
17 applicant may contest this action by initiating a contested case
18 proceeding with the agency that referred the debt for collection
19 pursuant to section 421.65. The department of revenue and the
20 department of transportation shall notify the county treasurers
21 through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system of
22 persons who owe such a delinquent account, charge, fee, loan,
23 taxes, or other indebtedness.

24 b. A county treasurer, in cooperation with the department
25 of revenue, may collect from a person applying for renewal
26 of a vehicle registration delinquent taxes, including penalties
27 and interest owed to the state, and nontax liabilities being
28 collected by the central collection unit of the department
29 of revenue pursuant to section 421.17, subsection 27. The
30 applicant may remit full payment of the balance owed including
31 applicable penalties and interest, along with a processing
32 fee of five dollars, to the county treasurer at the time
33 of registration renewal. Upon full payment of the required
34 balance owed including applicable penalties and interest, the
35 processing fee, and the vehicle registration fee, the county

1 treasurer shall issue the registration to the person. A county
2 treasurer collecting on behalf of the department of revenue shall
3 update the vehicle registration records through the ~~distributed~~
4 ~~teleprocessing network~~ records system on a daily basis for all
5 persons who have paid taxes or other balances owed pursuant to
6 this subsection. A county treasurer shall forward all funds
7 collected for the department of revenue to the department of
8 revenue.

9 7. a. The department or the county treasurer shall refuse to
10 renew the registration of a vehicle registered to an applicant if
11 the department or the county treasurer knows that the applicant
12 has not paid a civil penalty imposed on the applicant pursuant
13 to section 321N.3, subsection 3. An applicant may contest
14 this action by initiating a contested case proceeding with the
15 department. The department shall notify the county treasurers
16 through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system of
17 persons who have not paid such civil penalties.

18 b. The county treasurer of the county of an applicant's
19 residence and in which the applicant's vehicle is registered,
20 in cooperation with the department, may collect a civil penalty
21 imposed on the applicant pursuant to section 321N.3, subsection
22 3, when the applicant applies for renewal of a vehicle
23 registration. The applicant may remit full payment of the civil
24 penalty, along with a processing fee of five dollars, to the
25 county treasurer at the time of registration renewal. Upon
26 full payment of the civil penalty, the processing fee, and the
27 vehicle registration fee, the county treasurer shall issue the
28 registration to the applicant. A county treasurer collecting
29 a civil penalty on behalf of the department pursuant to this
30 subsection shall update the vehicle registration records through
31 the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system on a daily
32 basis for all applicants who have paid civil penalties pursuant
33 to this subsection. A county treasurer shall forward all funds
34 collected on behalf of the department to the department.

35 8. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the

1 registration of a vehicle registered to an applicant if the
2 county treasurer knows that the applicant has one or more
3 uncontested, delinquent parking tickets issued pursuant to
4 section 321.236, subsection 1, paragraph "b", owing to the
5 county, or owing to a city with which the county has an agreement
6 authorized under section 331.553. However, a county treasurer
7 may renew the registration if the treasurer determines that
8 an error was made by the county or city in identifying the
9 vehicle involved in the parking violation or if the citation
10 has been dismissed as against the owner of the vehicle pursuant
11 to section 321.484. This subsection does not apply to the
12 transfer of a registration or the issuance of a new registration.
13 Notwithstanding section 28E.10, a county treasurer ~~may~~ shall
14 utilize the ~~department's vehicle registration and titling~~ records
15 system to facilitate the purposes of this subsection.

16 Sec. 21. Section 321.46, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2026, are
17 amended to read as follows:

18 2. Upon filing the application for a new initial registration
19 and a new title, the applicant shall pay a title fee of thirty
20 dollars, an annual registration fee prorated for the remaining
21 unexpired months of the registration year, and a fee for new
22 registration if applicable. A manufacturer applying for a
23 certificate of title pursuant to section 322G.12 shall pay a
24 title fee of twenty dollars. However, a title fee shall not be
25 charged to a manufactured or mobile home retailer applying for a
26 certificate of title for a used mobile home or manufactured home,
27 titled in Iowa, as required under section 321.45, subsection
28 4. The county treasurer, if satisfied of the genuineness and
29 regularity of the application, and in the case of a mobile home
30 or manufactured home, that taxes are not owing under chapter 435,
31 and that applicant has complied with all the requirements of this
32 chapter, shall issue a new certificate of title and, except for
33 a mobile home, manufactured home, or a vehicle returned to and
34 accepted by a manufacturer as described in section 322G.12, a
35 registration card to the purchaser or transferee, shall cancel

1 the prior registration for the vehicle, and shall ~~forward the~~
2 ~~necessary copies to the department~~ use the records system to
3 update the necessary information on the date of issuance, ~~as~~
4 ~~prescribed in section 321.24~~. Mobile homes or manufactured homes
5 titled under chapter 448 that have been subject under section
6 446.18 to a public bidder sale in a county shall be titled in the
7 county's name, with no fee, and the county treasurer shall issue
8 the title.

9 5. The seller or transferor may file an affidavit on forms
10 prescribed and provided by the department with any county
11 treasurer certifying the sale or transfer of ownership of the
12 vehicle and the assignment and delivery of the certificate of
13 title for the vehicle. Upon receipt of the affidavit, the
14 county treasurer shall file the affidavit with the copy of the
15 registration receipt for the vehicle to file in the treasurer's
16 office and on that day the treasurer shall note receipt of the
17 affidavit in the ~~vehicle registration and titling~~ records system.
18 Upon filing the affidavit, it shall be presumed that the seller
19 or transferor has assigned and delivered the certificate of title
20 for the vehicle. For a leased vehicle, the lessor licensed
21 pursuant to chapter 321F or the lessee may file an affidavit
22 as provided in this subsection certifying that the lease has
23 expired or been terminated and the date that the leased vehicle
24 was surrendered to the lessor.

25 Sec. 22. Section 321.47, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
26 2026, is amended to read as follows:

27 a. The persons entitled under the laws of descent and
28 distribution to the possession and ownership of a vehicle owned
29 in whole or in part by a decedent who died intestate, upon
30 filing an affidavit stating the name and date of death of the
31 decedent, the right to possession and ownership of the persons
32 filing the affidavit, and that there has been no administration
33 of the decedent's estate, which instrument must also contain
34 an agreement by the affiant to indemnify creditors of the
35 decedent who would be entitled to levy execution upon the motor

1 vehicle to the extent of the value of the motor vehicle, shall,
2 upon complying with the other title transfer requirements of
3 this chapter, be issued a registration card for the decedent's
4 interest in the vehicle and a certificate of title to the
5 vehicle. If a decedent died testate, and either the will is
6 not probated or is admitted to probate without administration,
7 the persons entitled to the possession and ownership of a vehicle
8 owned in whole or in part by the decedent may file an affidavit
9 and, upon complying with the other title transfer requirements
10 of this chapter, shall be issued a registration card for the
11 decedent's interest in the vehicle and a certificate of title
12 to the vehicle. The affidavit must contain the same information
13 and indemnity agreement as is required in cases of intestacy
14 under this subsection. For a death occurring before January
15 1, 2025, a requirement of chapter 450 shall not be considered
16 satisfied by the filing of the affidavit provided for in this
17 subsection. If, ~~from~~ upon review of the records in the office of
18 ~~the county treasurer system~~, there appear to be any liens on the
19 vehicle, the certificate of title must contain a statement of the
20 liens unless the application is accompanied by proper evidence
21 of the satisfaction or extinction of such liens. Evidence of
22 extinction includes but is not limited to an affidavit of the
23 applicant stating that a security interest was foreclosed as
24 provided in chapter 554, article 9, part 6. The department shall
25 waive the certificate of title fee and surcharge required under
26 sections 321.20, 321.20A, 321.23, 321.46, 321.52, and 321.52A if
27 the person entitled to possession and ownership of a vehicle,
28 as provided in this subsection, is the surviving spouse of a
29 decedent.

30 Sec. 23. Section 321.50, subsections 3, 5, and 6, Code 2026,
31 are amended to read as follows:

32 3. Upon receipt of the application, the certificate of title,
33 if any, and the required fee, the county treasurer shall note
34 the security interest and the date of perfection of the security
35 interest on the certificate of title. The county treasurer shall

1 also note the security interest and the date of perfection of the
2 security interest in the county records system. Upon receipt of
3 a certificate of title issued by a foreign jurisdiction, on which
4 a security interest has been noted, the county treasurer shall
5 note the security interest and the date the security interest was
6 noted on the foreign certificate of title, if available, or if
7 not, the date of issuance of the foreign certificate of title, on
8 the face of the new certificate of title. The county treasurer
9 shall also note the security interest and the date that was noted
10 on the certificate of title in the county records system. The
11 county treasurer shall then deliver the certificate of title to
12 the first secured party as shown thereon.

13 5. a. Except as provided in section 321.48, subsection 1,
14 paragraph "b", when a security interest is discharged, the holder
15 shall note a cancellation of the security interest on the face
16 of the certificate of title over the holder's signature or may
17 note the cancellation of the security interest on a separate,
18 notarized release form or letter. The holder shall deliver the
19 certificate of title and the form or letter, if applicable, to
20 any county treasurer. In the case of a security interest that
21 has been delivered by electronic means, the holder shall notify
22 the department or the county treasurer, in a manner prescribed
23 by the department, of the release of the security interest.
24 The county treasurer shall immediately note the cancellation of
25 the security interest on the face of the certificate of title,
26 if applicable, and in the county records system. The county
27 treasurer shall on the same day deliver the certificate of
28 title, if applicable, and the separate, notarized release form
29 or letter, if applicable, to the then first secured party or, if
30 there is no such person, to the person as directed by the owner,
31 in writing, on a form prescribed by the department or, if there
32 is no person designated, then to the owner. The cancellation of
33 the security interest shall be noted on the certificate of title
34 by the county treasurer without charge. The holder of a security
35 interest discharged by payment who fails to release the security

1 interest within fifteen days after being requested in writing to
2 do so shall forfeit to the person making the payment the sum of
3 twenty-five dollars.

4 b. If a lien has been released by the lienholder but has not
5 been sent to the county of record for clearance of the lien, any
6 county may note the release on the face of the title and shall
7 notify the county of record that the lien has been released as
8 of the specified date and make entry upon the ~~computer~~ records
9 system. Notification to the county of record shall be made by
10 ~~an automated statewide~~ in the records system or by sending a
11 photocopy of the released title to the county of record.

12 c. When a security interest is discharged, the lienholder
13 shall note the cancellation of the security interest on the face
14 of the title and, if applicable, may note the cancellation of
15 the security interest on a form prescribed by the department
16 and deliver a copy of the form in lieu of the title to the
17 department or to any county treasurer. The form may be delivered
18 by electronic means. The department or county treasurer, as
19 applicable, shall note the release of the security interest
20 ~~upon~~ in the statewide computer records system and ~~the county's~~
21 ~~records~~. A copy of the form, if used, shall be attached
22 to the title by the lienholder, if the title is held by the
23 lienholder, and shall be evidence of the release of the security
24 interest. If the title is held by the lienholder, the lienholder
25 shall deliver the title to the first lienholder, or if there
26 is no such person, to the person as designated by the owner,
27 or if there is no such person designated, to the owner. If
28 a certificate of title has not been issued, upon release of a
29 security interest, the lienholder shall notify the department or
30 the county treasurer, in a manner prescribed by the department,
31 of the release of the security interest.

32 d. For purposes of this subsection, a security interest
33 noted on an Iowa certificate of title and appearing in the
34 ~~statewide computer~~ records system and ~~the county's~~ ~~records~~
35 shall be presumed to be discharged upon presentation of a

1 valid certificate of title subsequently issued by a foreign
2 jurisdiction on which the security interest is no longer noted.

3 6. Notwithstanding subsection 5, when an application for
4 registration and issuance of a certificate of title is made
5 by the means described in section 321.20, subsection 2, and
6 the application includes a certificate of title upon which a
7 security interest has been discharged by the secured party and
8 the cancellation of the security interest is noted by the secured
9 party on the certificate of title above the secured party's
10 signature, the county treasurer shall not require any other
11 notation of the cancellation of the security interest on the
12 face of the certificate of title, and the county treasurer shall
13 update such release on the applicable program or computer records
14 system. A dealer licensed under chapter 322 or chapter 322C is
15 authorized to sell such a vehicle pursuant to section 321.48,
16 subsection 1, paragraph "b".

17 Sec. 24. Section 321.153, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 2. The ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system
20 shall be used in the collection, receipting, accounting, and
21 reporting of any fee collected through the registration renewal
22 or title process, with sufficient time and financial resources
23 provided for implementation.

24 Sec. 25. Section 321.198, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 3. A person whose period of validity of the person's driver's
27 license is extended under this section may file an application
28 in accordance with rules adopted by the department to have the
29 person's record of issuance of a driver's license retained in
30 the ~~department's record~~ records system during the period for
31 which the driver's license remains valid. If a person has had
32 the record of issuance of the person's driver's license removed
33 from the ~~department's records~~ system, the person shall have the
34 person's record of driver's license issuance reentered by the
35 department upon request if the request is accompanied by a letter

1 from the applicable person's commanding officer verifying the
2 military service.

3 Sec. 26. Section 331.553, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 8. Pursuant to an agreement under chapter 28E, collect
6 delinquent parking fines on behalf of a city in conjunction
7 with renewal of motor vehicle registrations pursuant to section
8 321.40. If the agreement provides for a fee to be paid to
9 or retained by the county treasurer from the collection of
10 parking fines, such fees shall be credited to the county general
11 fund. Fines collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
12 remitted biannually to the city. Notwithstanding section 28E.10,
13 a county treasurer ~~may~~ shall utilize the ~~state department of~~
14 ~~transportation's vehicle registration and titling records~~ system
15 described in section 321.31 to facilitate the purposes of this
16 subsection.

17 Sec. 27. TRANSITION. County treasurers shall continue to
18 perform all duties related to the county records system described
19 in section 321.31, subsection 2, Code 2026, and shall retain and
20 maintain the records contained in the county records system prior
21 to the applicability of this division of this Act.

22 Sec. 28. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
23 on and after December 1, 2028, or the date the department of
24 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor for
25 publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by
26 the director of transportation that the applicable phase of the
27 department of transportation's new records system is implemented,
28 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy
29 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

30 DIVISION V

31 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

32 Sec. 29. Section 321.11, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2026, are
33 amended to read as follows:

34 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, personal information shall
35 not be disclosed to a requester, except as provided in 18

1 U.S.C. §2721, unless the person whose personal information
2 is requested has provided express written consent allowing
3 disclosure of the person's personal information. As used in this
4 section, "personal information" means information that identifies
5 a person, including a person's photograph, social security
6 number, driver's license number, name, address, telephone number,
7 electronic mail address, and medical or disability information,
8 but does not include information on vehicular accidents, driving
9 violations, and driver's status or a person's zip code.

10 4. The department shall not release personal information that
11 is in the form of a person's photograph or digital image or a
12 digital reproduction of a person's photograph, or the person's
13 telephone number or electronic mail address, to a person other
14 than an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency, an
15 employee of a federal or state agency or political subdivision
16 in the performance of the employee's official duties, a contract
17 employee of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing
18 in the conduct of an investigation, or a licensed private
19 investigation agency or a licensed security service or a licensed
20 employee of either, regardless of whether a person has provided
21 express written consent to disclosure of the information. The
22 department may collect reasonable fees for copies of records or
23 other services provided pursuant to this section or section 22.3,
24 321.10, or 622.46.

25 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. **321.16A Electronic communications.**

26 1. As used in this section:

27 a. "Document" means information that the department is
28 required or authorized to provide to a person, and that is
29 eligible, as determined by the department, to be delivered by
30 electronic communication. "Document" includes but is not limited
31 to a notification, reminder, or other piece of correspondence,
32 other than a notice of a sanction.

33 b. "Electronic communication" means a document provided
34 electronically by the department and includes any of the
35 following:

1 (1) Sending a document to an electronic mail address or
2 telephone number at which the recipient has specifically given
3 consent to receive documents.

4 (2) Posting a document on an electronic network provided by
5 the department that is accessible via the internet, a mobile
6 application, computer, mobile device, tablet, or any other
7 electronic device, or on the department's internet site, along
8 with a separate electronic mail notification of the posting
9 sent to the address at which the recipient has consented to
10 receive notification or by any other delivery method to which the
11 recipient has given consent.

12 c. "Notice of a sanction" means notice of bar, cancellation,
13 denial, disqualification, downgrade, revocation, or suspension
14 delivered by the department under this chapter or chapter 321A,
15 321E, 321F, 321H, 321J, 321L, 321N, 322, 322A, 322C, 325A, 326,
16 327B, or 452A.

17 d. "Recipient" means a person who receives electronic
18 communication from the department under this chapter or chapter
19 321A, 321E, 321F, 321H, 321J, 321L, 321N, 322, 322A, 322C, 325A,
20 326, 327B, or 452A.

21 2. a. Subject to the requirements and limitations of this
22 section and except as expressly prohibited by law, the department
23 may use electronic communication to deliver a document, other
24 than a notice of a sanction, to a recipient. The department
25 may also use electronic means to store and present a document
26 delivered by electronic communication.

27 b. The department may use electronic communication to deliver
28 a document to a recipient if all of the following occur:

29 (1) The recipient has affirmatively consented to such method
30 of delivery and has not withdrawn the consent.

31 (2) The recipient, before giving consent, is provided with
32 clear and conspicuous information concerning the rights of the
33 recipient and additional information, in accordance with rules
34 adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 17A, including the
35 use and protection of the recipient's personal information, as

1 defined in section 321.11.

2 (3) The recipient consents, or confirms consent, to receive
3 electronic communication in a manner that reasonably demonstrates
4 that the recipient can access electronic communications in
5 the method that the department will use for electronic
6 communications.

7 3. The department shall not use electronic communication
8 to deliver notice of a sanction. Notice of a sanction
9 must be delivered in accordance with section 321.16. This
10 subsection does not prohibit the department from using electronic
11 communication to send a courtesy copy of a notice of a sanction
12 by electronic means if the recipient has consented to receive
13 courtesy copies of a notice of a sanction, and if the copy is
14 available for electronic communication.

15 4. This section does not affect requirements of content or
16 timing of any notice or document required under applicable law.

17 5. a. A withdrawal of consent by a recipient does not
18 affect the legal effectiveness, validity, or enforceability of a
19 document delivered by electronic communication to the recipient
20 prior to the withdrawal of consent.

21 b. A withdrawal of consent is effective within a reasonable
22 period of time after the department receives notice of the
23 withdrawal.

24 6. This section does not apply to a document electronically
25 delivered by the department prior to the effective date of this
26 division of this Act if, before the effective date of this
27 division of this Act, the recipient received or consented to
28 receive a document in an electronic form otherwise allowed by
29 law.

30 7. The department may deliver a document by any other
31 delivery method permitted by law other than by electronic
32 communication if either of the following occurs:

33 a. The department attempted to use electronic communication
34 to deliver a document to a recipient and has a reasonable basis
35 for believing that the document has not been received.

1 including a school bus, to transport people for pay, with various
2 exceptions.

3 The bill eliminates the chauffeur's instruction permit. Under
4 current law and the bill, a person may apply for a class D
5 driver's license, and neither a knowledge test nor a driving test
6 is required if the person holds a valid driver's license. The
7 person must pass a vision screening and have a clear driving
8 record for the previous two years.

9 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS. Under current law, the driver
10 of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or
11 death of any person, or total property damage to an apparent
12 extent of \$1,500 or more, must within 72 hours after the accident
13 forward a written report of the accident to the department of
14 transportation (DOT). However, such report is not required when
15 the accident is investigated by a law enforcement agency. Every
16 law enforcement officer who, in the regular course of duty,
17 investigates a motor vehicle accident of which report must be
18 made, must forward a written report of such accident to the DOT
19 within 24 hours after completing such investigation.

20 The bill requires the driver of a vehicle to submit an
21 accident report regardless of injury, death, or property damage
22 if the vehicle does not have financial liability coverage in
23 effect. The bill also increases the minimum amount of total
24 property damage necessary before an accident report is required
25 from \$1,500 to \$5,000, including for an accident involving an
26 all-terrain vehicle. The bill strikes the 24-hour requirement
27 for a law enforcement officer who investigated an accident
28 to forward a written report to the DOT, and requires these
29 written reports, as well as reports of accidents involving
30 law enforcement officers or other emergency responders, to be
31 submitted to the DOT in an electronic format and in a manner
32 approved by the DOT.

33 By operation of law, a driver of a vehicle who strikes
34 fixtures upon a highway is not required to report the accident
35 to the DOT unless the apparent total property damage is \$5,000

1 or more. A driver involved in such an accident is required to
2 take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner, a peace
3 officer, or person in charge of the damaged property and provide
4 the driver's name and address, the registration number of the
5 vehicle causing the damage, and, upon request and if available,
6 exhibit the person's driver's license.

7 The bill does not amend similar reporting requirements when
8 a person is in an accident involving a snowmobile (Code section
9 321G.10) that causes total property damage of \$1,500 or more.
10 Such reports must be filed with the DOT, or with the natural
11 resource commission (NRC) if the accident occurred on public
12 land, ice, or a designated riding trail under the jurisdiction
13 of the NRC.

14 By operation of law, a person who fails to forward a written
15 accident report to the DOT, as required under Code section
16 321.266(2) or (3), commits a simple misdemeanor punishable by
17 confinement for no more than 30 days and a fine of at least \$105
18 but not more than \$855.

19 ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES AND
20 NONOPERATOR'S IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Under current law, a person
21 may be eligible to renew a driver's license electronically
22 pursuant to rules adopted by the DOT. The bill authorizes
23 a person to renew a nonoperator's identification card
24 electronically if the person is eligible pursuant to rules
25 adopted by the DOT. The bill also authorizes a person to
26 replace a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card
27 electronically if the person is eligible pursuant to rules
28 adopted by the DOT. The fee to replace a driver's license or
29 nonoperator's identification card is \$10.

30 The DOT is currently required, pursuant to Code section
31 321.189(6), to develop educational media to raise awareness
32 of a person's eligibility to apply for a replacement driver's
33 license or nonoperator's identification card electronically upon
34 attaining the age of 21.

35 This division of the bill applies on and after March 1, 2027,

1 or the date the DOT submits to the Iowa administrative code
2 editor for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a
3 statement by the director of transportation that the applicable
4 phase of the DOT's new records system is implemented, whichever
5 is earlier. The DOT is also required to forward a copy of the
6 statement to the Iowa Code editor.

7 RECORDS SYSTEM. Pursuant to current law, the DOT maintains
8 a motor vehicle records system which is used for various
9 purposes relating to the administration of Code chapter 321
10 by the DOT. In addition, each county treasurer must maintain a
11 county records system for vehicle registration and certificate
12 of title documents. The county records system is required
13 to be maintained in a manner approved by the DOT. The bill
14 strikes the requirement for county treasurers to maintain a
15 county records system, and instead requires the DOT to maintain
16 a records system that both the DOT and county treasurers must use
17 for vehicle-related recordkeeping. The bill harmonizes various
18 references in Code chapters 321 (motor vehicles and law of the
19 road) and 331 (county home rule implementation) to the records
20 system.

21 County treasurers are required to continue to perform all
22 duties related to the county records system prior to the
23 applicability of this division of the bill.

24 This division of the bill applies on and after December 1,
25 2028, or the date the DOT submits to the Iowa administrative
26 code editor for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin
27 a statement by the director of transportation that the applicable
28 phase of the DOT's new records system is implemented, whichever
29 is earlier. The DOT is also required to forward a copy of the
30 statement to the Iowa Code editor.

31 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS. The bill adds a person's electronic
32 mail address to the definition of "personal information" for
33 purposes of DOT records, and prohibits the DOT from disclosing a
34 person's electronic mail address or telephone number, other than
35 to specified parties, regardless of the person's consent to the

1 disclosure.

2 The bill authorizes the DOT to communicate using electronic
3 methods to provide documents including notifications, reminders,
4 and other pieces of correspondence, other than a notice of a
5 sanction, to persons who consent to the electronic communication.
6 In accordance with current law, unless a different method of
7 giving notice is expressly prescribed, the DOT must give notice,
8 including notice of a sanction under the bill, by personal
9 delivery to the person, by personal service in the manner of
10 original notice by rule of civil procedure, or by first class
11 mail addressed to the person at the address shown in the DOT's
12 records.

13 This division of the bill applies on and after December 1,
14 2028, or the date the DOT submits to the Iowa administrative
15 code editor for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin
16 a statement by the director of transportation that the DOT's
17 new electronic communications system is implemented, whichever
18 is earlier. The DOT is also required to forward a copy of the
19 statement to the Iowa Code editor.