

House File 2651 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 531)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 170)

(COMPANION TO LSB 1383SZ BY
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to fluid milk products annual permits, and
2 including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321E.29B, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Notwithstanding section 321E.8, the department
4 permit-issuing authority may issue annual permits for the
5 operation of vehicles or combinations of vehicles transporting
6 fluid milk products to or from a milk plant, receiving station,
7 or transfer station, exceeding the weight limitation of section
8 321.463 but not exceeding a gross weight of ~~ninety-six~~ one
9 hundred thirty-six thousand pounds, ~~on primary roads and primary~~
10 ~~road extensions in cities.~~ The department shall establish rules
11 regarding minimum distances for axle configurations.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
13 2027.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) is
18 authorized to issue annual permits for the operation of vehicles
19 or combinations of vehicles transporting fluid milk products to
20 or from a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station
21 while exceeding the weight limitation of Code section 321.463
22 but not exceeding 20,000 pounds per axle, and not exceeding a
23 gross weight of 96,000 pounds, on primary roads and primary road
24 extensions in cities. The fee for a fluid milk products annual
25 permit is \$400.

26 This bill strikes the restriction that limits such permitted
27 vehicles to be operated only on primary roads and primary
28 road extensions in cities. As such, the bill authorizes local
29 authorities, in addition to the DOT, to issue fluid milk products
30 annual permits. In accordance with current law, a permit must
31 be issued by the authority responsible for the maintenance of
32 the system of highways or streets on which operating a permitted
33 vehicle is authorized.

34 The bill makes fluid milk products annual permits valid for
35 vehicles and combinations of vehicles weighing up to 136,000

1 pounds. The DOT is required to establish rules regarding minimum
2 distances for axle configurations. The bill does not amend the
3 20,000-pounds-per-axle weight limit under Code section 321.463.
4 The bill takes effect January 1, 2027.

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