

House File 548 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 135)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the recycling of battery electric motor
2 vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles, and
3 making penalties applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **321H.3A Education program required**
2 **for certain recyclers.**

3 1. Beginning January 1, 2027, a person shall not recycle
4 battery electric motor vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric motor
5 vehicles, as those terms are defined in section 321.116, unless
6 the person is an authorized vehicle recycler who has successfully
7 completed a vehicle high-voltage battery safe handling and
8 storage education program approved by the department. An
9 authorized vehicle recycler shall display a program completion
10 certificate next to the recycler's license displayed as required
11 by section 321H.5.

12 2. The department shall approve vehicle high-voltage battery
13 safe handling and storage education programs and such programs
14 shall award a program completion certificate to an authorized
15 vehicle recycler who successfully completes the program.

16 3. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
17 to administer this section.

18 **EXPLANATION**

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

21 Under current law, a person must be licensed by the department
22 of transportation (DOT) as an authorized vehicle recycler to,
23 with respect to vehicles required to be registered, sell certain
24 used parts of more than six used vehicles; dismantle, scrap,
25 recycle, or salvage more than six vehicles; or rebuild or restore
26 for sale more than six wrecked or salvage vehicles in a 12-month
27 period; or with respect to vehicles not currently registered,
28 store more than six vehicles or store damaged vehicles except
29 where such storage is incidental to the primary purpose of the
30 repair of vehicles for others. The licensing requirement does
31 not apply to persons who are educational institutions, licensed
32 as new vehicle dealers, engaged in a hobby not for profit,
33 engaged in the business of purchasing certain parts of vehicles
34 only for sale as scrap metal, insurance companies, county mutual
35 insurance associations, or state mutual insurance associations.

1 A license issued to a person must be conspicuously displayed at
2 the person's principal place of business except during periods
3 when the license is surrendered for modifications.

4 This bill prohibits a person, beginning January 1, 2027,
5 from recycling battery electric motor vehicles or plug-in hybrid
6 electric motor vehicles unless the person is an authorized
7 vehicle recycler who has successfully completed a vehicle
8 high-voltage battery safe handling and storage education program
9 approved by the DOT and displays a program completion certificate
10 next to the recycler's license. The DOT is required to approve
11 such programs, which must award a program completion certificate
12 to an authorized vehicle recycler who successfully completes the
13 program. The DOT is also required to adopt rules to administer
14 the bill.

15 "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle
16 equipped with electrical drivetrain components and not equipped
17 with an internal combustion engine, that is propelled exclusively
18 by one or more electrical motors using electrical energy stored
19 in a battery or other energy storage device that can be recharged
20 by plugging into an electrical outlet or electric vehicle
21 charging station. "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means
22 a motor vehicle equipped with electrical drivetrain components,
23 an internal combustion engine, and a battery or other energy
24 storage device that can be recharged by plugging into an
25 electrical outlet or electric vehicle charging station.

26 By operation of law, a person convicted of violating the bill
27 is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is
28 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of
29 at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.