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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to matters under the purview of the department of
2 transportation, and including applicability provisions.
3 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.

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DIVISION II

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ELECTRONIC 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 thousand five hundred dollars or
9 more, shall, submit a written report of the accident to the
10 department within seventy-two hours after the accident, ~~forward a~~
11 ~~written report of the accident to the department.~~ However, such
12 report is not required when the accident is investigated by a law
13 enforcement agency.

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

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

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

1 the person making the report, shall provide the person with a
2 copy of that person's report. The written report filed with the
3 department shall not be admissible in or used in evidence in any
4 civil or criminal case arising out of the facts on which the
5 report is based.

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

27 DIVISION III

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

30 Sec. 11. Section 321.189, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
31 by striking the subsection.

32 Sec. 12. Section 321.190, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
33 following new subsections:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *Renewal.* A person may renew a
35 nonoperator's identification card and, if eligible pursuant to

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

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

6 Sec. 13. Section 321.195, Code 2026, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **321.195 Replacement of driver's licenses and nonoperator's**
9 **identification cards.**

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

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

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

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

29 Sec. 14. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
30 on and after March 1, 2027, or the date the department of
31 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor for
32 publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by
33 the director of transportation that the applicable phase of the
34 department of transportation's new records system is implemented,
35 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy

1 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

2 DIVISION IV
3 RECORDS SYSTEM

4 Sec. 15. Section 321.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
5 following new subsection:

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

8 Sec. 16. Section 321.24, subsections 2 and 9, Code 2026, are
9 amended to read as follows:

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

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

28 Sec. 17. Section 321.31, Code 2026, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 **321.31 Records system.**

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

34 1. ~~State records system.~~

35 ~~a.~~ The department shall install and maintain a records system

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

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

1 the date of issue or five years after the date of issuance if
2 the vehicle's registration has been delinquent for five or more
3 consecutive years.

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

15 2. ~~County records system.~~

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

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

31 Sec. 18. Section 321.40, subsections 4, 6, 7, and 8, Code
32 2026, are amended to read as follows:

33 4. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the
34 registration of a vehicle registered to a person when notified
35 by the department through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 8. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the
35 registration of a vehicle registered to an applicant if the

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

15 Sec. 19. Section 321.46, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2026, are
16 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

24 Sec. 20. Section 321.47, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

29 Sec. 21. Section 321.50, subsections 3, 5, and 6, Code 2026,
30 are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

1 do so shall forfeit to the person making the payment the sum of
2 twenty-five dollars.

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

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

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

1 jurisdiction on which the security interest is no longer noted.

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

16 Sec. 22. Section 321.153, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

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

23 Sec. 23. Section 321.198, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

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

1 military service.

2 Sec. 24. Section 331.553, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

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

16 Sec. 25. TRANSITION. County treasurers shall continue to
17 perform all duties related to the county records system described
18 in section 321.31, subsection 2, Code 2026, and shall retain and
19 maintain the records contained in the county records system prior
20 to the applicability of this division of this Act.

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

29 DIVISION V

30 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

31 Sec. 27. Section 321.11, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2026, are
32 amended to read as follows:

33 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, personal information shall
34 not be disclosed to a requester, except as provided in 18
35 U.S.C. §2721, unless the person whose personal information

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

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

24 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. **321.16A Electronic communications.**

25 1. As used in this section:

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

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

35 (1) Sending a document to an electronic mail address or

1 telephone number at which the recipient has specifically given
2 consent to receive documents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (2) The recipient, before giving consent, is provided with
31 clear and conspicuous information concerning the rights of the
32 recipient and additional information, in accordance with rules
33 adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 17A, including the
34 use and protection of the recipient's personal information, as
35 defined in section 321.11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 b. The department becomes aware that the electronic mail

1 address or telephone number provided by the recipient is no
2 longer valid.

3 8. The department is authorized to collect telephone numbers
4 and electronic mail addresses on any department application.
5 Telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses collected
6 pursuant to this subsection shall be used and disclosed only as
7 authorized under this section or section 321.11.

8 9. The department's use of a recipient's telephone number or
9 electronic mail address for electronic communication shall not
10 constitute a disclosure under section 321.11.

11 10. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
12 to administer this section.

13 Sec. 29. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
14 on and after December 1, 2028, or the date the department of
15 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor
16 for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement
17 by the director of transportation that the department of
18 transportation's electronic communications system is implemented,
19 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy
20 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to matters under the purview of the
25 department of transportation (DOT).

26 CHAUFFEUR'S INSTRUCTION PERMITS. Under current law, a
27 chauffeur's instruction permit is valid for up to two years
28 for the operation of a motor vehicle, other than a commercial
29 motor vehicle, as a chauffeur when the permittee is accompanied
30 by a person who possesses a valid class D driver's license
31 (chauffeur's license) or commercial driver's license and who
32 is occupying a seat beside the permittee. Code section 321.1
33 defines a chauffeur as a person who operates a motor vehicle,
34 including a school bus, to transport people for pay, with various
35 exceptions.

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

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

18 The bill requires these written reports, as well as reports of
19 accidents involving law enforcement officers or other emergency
20 responders, to be submitted to the DOT in an electronic format
21 and in a manner approved by the DOT.

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

33 The DOT is currently required, pursuant to Code section
34 321.189(6), to develop educational media to raise awareness
35 of a person's eligibility to apply for a replacement driver's

1 license or nonoperator's identification card electronically upon
2 attaining the age of 21.

3 This division of the bill applies on and after March 1, 2027,
4 or the date the DOT submits to the Iowa administrative code
5 editor for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a
6 statement by the director of transportation that the applicable
7 phase of the DOT's new records system is implemented, whichever
8 is earlier. The DOT is also required to forward a copy of the
9 statement to the Iowa Code editor.

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

24 County treasurers are required to continue to perform all
25 duties related to the county records system prior to the
26 applicability of this division of the bill.

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

34 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS. The bill adds a person's electronic
35 mail address to the definition of "personal information" for

1 purposes of DOT records, and prohibits the DOT from disclosing a
2 person's electronic mail address or telephone number, other than
3 to specified parties, regardless of the person's consent to the
4 disclosure.

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

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