

House Study Bill 638 - Introduced

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TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to registration requirements for vehicles
2 designed primarily for off-highway use, including registration
3 of all-terrain vehicles and information required to complete
4 a form to register snowmobiles and vessels, providing
5 fees, making appropriations, providing penalties, and making
6 penalties applicable.

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

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DIVISION I

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR HIGHWAY USE

Section 1. Section 321.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2. The division of state patrol of the department of public safety shall enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to traffic on the public highways of the state, including those relating to the safe and legal operation of passenger cars, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, motor trucks, buses, and other commercial motor vehicles, and to see that proper safety rules are observed.

Sec. 2. Section 321.20B, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. This section does not apply to an all-terrain vehicle operated on a highway incidental to the vehicle's use for agricultural purposes pursuant to section 321.234A, subsection 1, paragraph "a".

Sec. 3. Section 321.34, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

1. *Plates issued.* The county treasurer upon receiving application, accompanied by proper fee, for registration of a vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer and two registration plates for every other motor vehicle. The registration plates, including special registration plates, shall be assigned to the owner of a vehicle. When the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns ownership of the vehicle to another person, the owner shall remove the registration plates from the vehicle. The owner shall forward the plates to any county treasurer or the owner may have the plates assigned to another vehicle within thirty days after transfer, upon payment of the fees required by law. The owner shall immediately affix registration plates retained by the owner to another vehicle owned or acquired by the owner, providing the owner complies with section 321.46.

1 The department shall adopt rules providing for the assignment of
2 registration plates to the transferee of a vehicle for which a
3 credit is allowed under section 321.46, subsection 6.

4 3. *Radio operators plates.* The owner of an automobile,
5 motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, trailer, or motor truck
6 who holds an amateur radio license issued by the federal
7 communications commission may, upon written application to the
8 county treasurer accompanied by a fee of five dollars, order
9 special registration plates bearing the call letters authorized
10 the radio station covered by the person's amateur radio license.
11 When received by the county treasurer, such special registration
12 plates shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the
13 registration plates previously issued to the person. Not more
14 than one set of special registration plates may be issued to an
15 applicant. Said fee shall be in addition to and not in lieu of
16 the fee for regular registration plates. Special registration
17 plates must be surrendered upon expiration of the owner's amateur
18 radio license and the owner shall thereupon be entitled to
19 the owner's regular registration plates. The county treasurer
20 shall validate special plates in the same manner as regular
21 registration plates, upon payment of five dollars in addition to
22 the regular annual registration fee.

23 Sec. 4. Section 321.34, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 2026,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 a. Upon application and the payment of a fee of twenty-five
26 dollars, the director may issue to the owner of a motor
27 vehicle registered in this state or a trailer or travel
28 trailer registered in this state, personalized registration
29 plates marked with up to seven initials, letters, or combination
30 of numerals and letters requested by the owner. However,
31 personalized registration plates for all-terrain vehicles,
32 autocycles, motorcycles, and motorized bicycles shall be marked
33 with no more than six initials, letters, or combinations
34 of numerals and letters. Upon receipt of the personalized
35 registration plates, the applicant shall surrender the regular

1 registration plates to the county treasurer. The fee for
2 issuance of the personalized registration plates shall be in
3 addition to the regular annual registration fee.

4 Sec. 5. Section 321.34, subsection 8, paragraph a, Code 2026,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 a. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under
7 section 321.109, subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle,
8 motorcycle, trailer, or motor truck who has been awarded the
9 medal of honor may, upon written application to the department,
10 order special registration plates which shall be red, white, and
11 blue in color and shall bear an emblem of the medal of honor
12 and an identifying number. Each applicant applying for special
13 registration plates under this subsection may order only one set
14 of registration plates under this subsection. The application
15 is subject to approval by the department and the special
16 registration plates shall be issued at no charge to the applicant
17 in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to
18 the person. A person who is issued special plates under this
19 subsection is exempt from payment of any annual registration
20 fee for the motor vehicle bearing the special plates. The
21 department shall validate the special plates in the same manner
22 as regular registration plates are validated under this section.
23 The department shall not issue special registration plates until
24 service organizations in the state have furnished the department
25 either the special dies or the cost of the special dies necessary
26 for the manufacture of the special registration plate.

27 Sec. 6. Section 321.34, subsection 8A, paragraph a, Code
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under
30 section 321.109, subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle,
31 motorcycle, trailer, or motor truck who was a prisoner of war
32 during a time of military conflict may, upon written application
33 to the department, order only one set of special registration
34 plates with an ex-prisoner of war processed emblem. The emblem
35 shall be designed by the department in cooperation with the

1 adjutant general and shall signify that the owner was a prisoner
2 of war as described in this subsection. The application is
3 subject to approval by the department, in consultation with the
4 adjutant general. The special plates shall be issued at no
5 charge and are subject to an annual registration fee of fifteen
6 dollars. The county treasurer shall validate the special plates
7 in the same manner as regular registration plates are validated
8 under this section.

9 Sec. 7. Section 321.34, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code
10 2026, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
12 director may issue fire fighter plates to the owner of a motor
13 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109, subsection
14 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motor truck, motor home,
15 multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer if
16 the owner is a current or retired member of a paid or volunteer
17 fire department. The special registration plates, designed by
18 the department in cooperation with representatives designated by
19 the Iowa fire fighters' associations, signify that the applicant
20 is a current or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire
21 department.

22 Sec. 8. Section 321.34, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code
23 2026, is amended to read as follows:

24 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
25 director may issue natural resources plates to the owner of
26 a motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
27 subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motor truck,
28 motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel
29 trailer.

30 Sec. 9. Section 321.34, subsection 11A, paragraph a, Code
31 2026, is amended to read as follows:

32 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
33 director may issue "love our kids" plates to the owner of a motor
34 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109, subsection
35 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motor truck, motor home,

1 multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

2 Sec. 10. Section 321.34, subsection 11B, paragraph a, Code
3 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
5 director may issue "motorcycle rider education" plates to the
6 owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
7 321.109, subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motor
8 truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or
9 travel trailer.

10 Sec. 11. Section 321.34, subsection 11C, paragraph a, Code
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
13 director may issue blackout plates to the owner of a motor
14 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109, subsection
15 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motor truck, motor home,
16 multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

17 Sec. 12. Section 321.34, subsection 11D, paragraph a, Code
18 2026, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
20 director may issue flying our colors plates to the owner of
21 a motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
22 subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motor truck,
23 motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel
24 trailer.

25 Sec. 13. Section 321.34, subsection 12, paragraphs a and d,
26 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

27 a. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
28 pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle,
29 autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle,
30 motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer may, upon written
31 application to the department, order special registration plates
32 with a distinguishing processed emblem as authorized by this
33 section or as approved by the department. The fee for the
34 issuance of special registration plates is twenty-five dollars
35 for each vehicle, unless otherwise provided by this section,

1 which fee is in addition to the regular annual registration
2 fee. The county treasurer shall validate special registration
3 plates with a distinguishing processed emblem in the same manner
4 as regular registration plates, upon payment of five dollars in
5 addition to the regular annual registration fee.

6 d. A special registration plate issued for a motorcycle,
7 all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, or motorized bicycle under
8 this section shall be designated in the manner provided for
9 personalized registration plates under subsection 5, paragraph
10 "a".

11 Sec. 14. Section 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph a,
12 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
14 pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, all-terrain vehicle,
15 autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle,
16 motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer may upon request be issued
17 special registration plates that contain a space reserved for the
18 placement of an organization decal. If the special plates are
19 requested at the time of initial application for registration
20 and certificate of title for the vehicle, no special plate fee
21 is required other than the regular annual registration fee for
22 the vehicle. If the special plates are requested as replacement
23 plates, the owner shall surrender the current regular or special
24 registration plates in exchange for the special plates and
25 shall pay a replacement plate fee of five dollars. The county
26 treasurer shall validate special plates with an organization
27 decal in the same manner as regular plates, upon payment of the
28 annual registration fee.

29 Sec. 15. Section 321.34, subsection 15, paragraph a, Code
30 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 a. ~~The An owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration~~
32 ~~under section 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motorcycle,~~
33 ~~trailer, or motor truck~~ referred to in subsection 12 who has been
34 awarded the legion of merit shall be issued one set of special
35 registration plates with a legion of merit processed emblem,

1 upon written application to the department and presentation of
2 satisfactory proof of the award of the legion of merit as
3 established by the Congress of the United States. The emblem
4 shall be designed by the department in cooperation with the
5 adjutant general and shall signify that the owner was awarded
6 the legion of merit. The application is subject to approval by
7 the department, in consultation with the adjutant general. The
8 special plates shall be issued at no charge and are subject to an
9 annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The county treasurer
10 shall validate the special plates in the same manner as regular
11 registration plates are validated under this section.

12 Sec. 16. Section 321.37, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are
13 amended to read as follows:

14 1. Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than
15 an all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle,
16 or truck tractor shall be attached to the motor vehicle, one in
17 the front and the other in the rear. The registration plate
18 issued for an all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motorcycle, or
19 other vehicle required to be registered under this chapter shall
20 be attached to the rear of the vehicle. The registration plate
21 issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of the
22 truck tractor. The special plate issued to a dealer shall be
23 attached on the rear of the vehicle when operated on the highways
24 of this state.

25 2. A motor vehicle, other than a truck registered for more
26 than five tons, all-terrain vehicle, autocycle, motorcycle,
27 or truck tractor, which is model year 1948 or older, and a
28 reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle built to resemble
29 a model year 1948 vehicle or older, may display one registration
30 plate on the rear of the vehicle if the other registration plate
31 issued to the vehicle is carried in the vehicle at all times when
32 the vehicle is operated on a public highway.

33 Sec. 17. Section 321.69, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 9. Except for subsections 10 and 11, this section does not

1 apply to motor trucks and truck tractors with a gross vehicle
2 weight rating of sixteen thousand pounds or more, vehicles more
3 than seven model years old, all-terrain vehicles, autocycles,
4 motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and special mobile equipment.
5 This section does apply to motor homes. The requirement in
6 subsection 1 that the new certificate of title and registration
7 receipt shall state on the face whether a prior owner had
8 disclosed that the vehicle was damaged to the extent that it
9 was a wrecked or salvage vehicle as defined in section 321.52,
10 subsection 4, paragraph "e", does not apply to a vehicle with
11 a certificate of title bearing a designation that the vehicle
12 was previously titled on a salvage certificate of title pursuant
13 to section 321.52, subsection 4, paragraph "c", or to a vehicle
14 with a certificate of title bearing a "REBUILT" or "SALVAGE"
15 designation pursuant to section 321.24, subsection 4 or 5.
16 Except for subsections 10 and 11, this section does not apply
17 to new motor vehicles with a true mileage, as defined in section
18 321.71, of one thousand miles or less, unless such vehicle has
19 incurred damage as described in subsection 2.

20 Sec. 18. Section 321.105A, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
21 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

22 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (32) An all-terrain vehicle that was
23 registered pursuant to section 321I.4 on or before July 1, 2026.

24 Sec. 19. Section 321.109, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 a. The annual fee for all motor vehicles including vehicles
27 designated by manufacturers as station wagons, 1993 and
28 subsequent model year multipurpose vehicles, and 2010 and
29 subsequent model year motor trucks with an unladen weight of
30 ten thousand pounds or less, except motor trucks registered
31 under section 321.122, business-trade trucks, special trucks,
32 motor homes, motorsports recreational vehicles, ambulances,
33 hearses, all-terrain vehicles, autocycles, motorcycles, motorized
34 bicycles, and 1992 and older model year multipurpose vehicles,
35 shall be equal to one percent of the value as fixed by

1 the department plus forty cents for each one hundred pounds
2 or fraction thereof of weight of vehicle, as fixed by the
3 department. The weight of a motor vehicle, fixed by the
4 department for registration purposes, shall include the weight
5 of a battery, heater, bumpers, spare tire, and wheel. Provided,
6 however, that for any new vehicle purchased in this state by a
7 nonresident for removal to the nonresident's state of residence
8 the purchaser may make application to any county treasurer for a
9 transit plate for which a fee of ten dollars shall be paid. And
10 provided, however, that for any used vehicle held by a registered
11 dealer and not currently registered in this state, or for any
12 vehicle held by an individual and currently registered in this
13 state, when purchased in this state by a nonresident for removal
14 to the nonresident's state of residence, the purchaser may make
15 application to any county treasurer for a transit plate for which
16 a fee of three dollars shall be paid. The county treasurer
17 shall issue a nontransferable certificate of registration for
18 which no refund shall be allowed; and the transit plates shall
19 be void thirty days after issuance. Such purchaser may apply
20 for a certificate of title by surrendering the manufacturer's or
21 importer's certificate or certificate of title, duly assigned as
22 provided in this chapter. In this event, the county treasurer
23 shall, when satisfied with the genuineness and regularity of the
24 application, and upon payment of a fee of thirty dollars, issue
25 a certificate of title in the name and address of the nonresident
26 purchaser delivering the title to the owner. If there is a
27 security interest noted on the title, the county treasurer shall
28 mail to the secured party an acknowledgment of the notation of
29 the security interest. The county treasurer shall not release
30 a security interest that has been noted on a title issued to
31 a nonresident purchaser as provided in this paragraph. The
32 application requirements of section 321.20 apply to a title
33 issued as provided in this subsection, except that a natural
34 person who applies for a certificate of title shall provide
35 either the person's social security number, passport number, or

1 driver's license number, whether the license was issued by this
2 state, another state, or another country. The provisions of this
3 subsection relating to multipurpose vehicles are effective for
4 all 1993 and subsequent model years. The annual registration
5 fee for multipurpose vehicles that are 1992 model years and older
6 shall be in accordance with section 321.124.

7 Sec. 20. Section 321.109, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. The owner of an unregistered motor vehicle or motor
10 vehicle for which the registration is delinquent may make
11 application to any county treasurer for a temporary thirty-day
12 permit for a fee of twenty-five dollars. The permit shall
13 authorize the motor vehicle to be driven or towed upon the
14 highway, but shall not authorize a motor truck or truck tractor
15 to haul or tow a load. The permit fee shall not be considered
16 a registration fee or exempt the owner from payment of all
17 other fees, registration fees, and penalties due. If the annual
18 registration fee for the motor vehicle is delinquent, the annual
19 registration fee and penalty shall continue to accrue until paid.
20 The permit fee shall not be prorated, refunded, or used as credit
21 as provided under section 321.46. The permit shall be displayed
22 in the upper left-hand corner of the rear window of all motor
23 vehicles, except motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles with no
24 rear window. Permits issued for a motorcycle or all-terrain
25 vehicle with no rear window shall be attached to the rear of the
26 motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle, as applicable.

27 Sec. 21. Section 321.117, Code 2026, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 **321.117 Motorcycle, autocycle, all-terrain vehicle,**
30 **ambulance, and hearse registration fees.**

31 1. a. ~~For all motorcycles and autocycles the annual~~
32 ~~registration fee shall be~~ Except as provided in paragraph "b",
33 the annual registration fee for a motorcycle, autocycle, and
34 all-terrain vehicle is twenty dollars. ~~For all~~

35 b. If a vehicle described in paragraph "a" is more than five

1 model years old, the annual registration fee is ten dollars.

2 2. The annual registration fee for a motorized bicyeles the
3 annual registration fee shall be bicycle is seven dollars. When
4 the motorcycle or autoycle is more than five model years old,
5 the annual registration fee shall be ten dollars.

6 3. The annual registration fee for ambulanees an ambulance
7 and hearses shall be a hearse is fifty dollars. Passenger car
8 plates shall be issued for ambulances and hearses.

9 ~~2.~~ 4. In addition to the fee required for a motorcycle
10 and all-terrain vehicle under subsection 1, the owner of a
11 motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle that is a battery electric
12 motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle, as
13 those terms are defined in section 321.116, shall pay an annual
14 electric motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle registration fee. The
15 amount of the fee shall be is nine dollars.

16 Sec. 22. Section 321.145, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
17 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

18 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (04) An amount equal to fifteen dollars
19 for each all-terrain vehicle registration fee collected pursuant
20 to section 321.117 shall be credited to the off-highway
21 all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas fund created under
22 section 321.146.

23 Sec. 23. **NEW SECTION. 321.146 Off-highway all-terrain**
24 **vehicle recreational riding areas fund.**

25 1. The off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational riding
26 areas fund is created under the control of the department.
27 The fund shall consist of appropriations made to the fund and
28 transfers of interest, earnings, and moneys from other funds as
29 provided by law. The moneys credited to the fund are not subject
30 to section 8.33 and shall not be transferred, used, obligated,
31 appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except as provided in this
32 section.

33 2. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department to
34 award grants for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of
35 off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas. The

1 department shall award such grants to political subdivisions,
2 incorporated private organizations, or both. A grant awarded
3 from the fund shall be used to establish, maintain, or operate
4 off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas.

5 3. Off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas
6 established, maintained, or operated by the use of a grant shall
7 not be operated for profit.

8 4. The recipient of a grant shall establish and implement
9 an education instruction program either singly or in cooperation
10 with other grant recipients. Grants may be used to support
11 recipients' programs on a usage basis. The department may
12 establish and implement an education instruction program using
13 unawarded moneys in the fund.

14 5. Moneys awarded from the fund shall not be used for
15 law enforcement purposes outside of a designated off-highway
16 all-terrain vehicle recreational riding area or for purchasing,
17 installing, or maintaining signs along a highway outside of a
18 designated off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational riding
19 area.

20 Sec. 24. Section 321.166, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
21 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22 a. Registration plates shall be of metal and of a size
23 not to exceed six inches by twelve inches, except that
24 the size of plates issued for use on all-terrain vehicles,
25 autocycles, motorized bicycles, motorcycles, motorcycle trailers,
26 and trailers with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less
27 shall be established by the department.

28 Sec. 25. Section 321.166, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026, are
29 amended to read as follows:

30 3. The registration plate number shall be displayed in
31 characters which shall not exceed a height of four inches nor
32 a stroke width exceeding five-eighths of an inch. Special
33 plates issued to dealers shall display the alphabetical character
34 "D", which shall be of the same size as the characters
35 in the registration plate. The registration plate number

1 issued for all-terrain vehicles, autocycles, motorized bicycles,
2 motorcycles, trailers with an empty weight of two thousand pounds
3 or less, and motorcycle trailers shall be a size prescribed by
4 the department.

5 4. The registration plate number, except on all-terrain
6 vehicles, autocycles, motorized bicycles, motorcycles, motorcycle
7 trailers, and trailers with an empty weight of two thousand
8 pounds or less, shall be of sufficient size to be readable from a
9 distance of one hundred feet during daylight.

10 Sec. 26. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph a,
11 subparagraph (4), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 (4) Instruction providing an awareness about sharing the
13 road with pedestrians, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, and
14 motorcycles. The instruction course shall be first approved by
15 the state department of transportation. Instructional materials
16 creating an awareness about sharing the road with pedestrians,
17 bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, and motorcycles shall also be
18 distributed during the course of instruction.

19 Sec. 27. Section 321.178A, subsection 3, paragraph a,
20 subparagraph (5), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 (5) Instruction providing an awareness about sharing the
22 road with pedestrians, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, and
23 motorcycles.

24 Sec. 28. Section 321.234A, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
25 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 ~~All-terrain vehicles~~ A person shall not be operated operate an
27 unregistered all-terrain vehicle on a highway unless one or more
28 of the following conditions apply:

29 Sec. 29. Section 321.234A, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
30 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 a. The operation is ~~between sunrise and sunset and is~~
32 incidental to the vehicle's use for agricultural purposes. For
33 purposes of this paragraph, "*incidental to the vehicle's use*
34 *for agricultural purposes*" includes stopping in the course of
35 agricultural use to obtain fuel for the all-terrain vehicle or

1 to obtain food or a nonalcoholic beverage for the operator.

2 Sec. 30. Section 321.234A, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
3 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

4 Sec. 31. Section 321.234A, Code 2026, is amended by adding
5 the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Except as provided in this subsection, a
7 person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle registered under
8 this chapter on a highway.

9 a. A person may operate a registered all-terrain vehicle
10 on an undivided two-lane primary highway that is not part of
11 the interstate road system and on a paved, undivided two-lane
12 secondary road over the most direct and accessible route between
13 any of the following locations:

14 (1) An all-terrain vehicle park or trail.

15 (2) A secondary road on which such vehicles are authorized to
16 operate under paragraph "b".

17 (3) A city street on which such vehicles are authorized to
18 operate under paragraph "d".

19 (4) The vehicle operator's residence.

20 b. (1) A person may operate a registered all-terrain vehicle
21 on any of the following secondary roads:

22 (a) An unpaved secondary road.

23 (b) A paved, undivided secondary road or segment thereof,
24 if authorized by the county board of supervisors. The board
25 shall evaluate the traffic conditions on all such secondary
26 roads under its jurisdiction and designate roadways on which
27 all-terrain vehicles may be operated without unduly interfering
28 with or constituting an undue hazard to conventional motor
29 vehicle traffic. In designating such roadways, the board may
30 authorize all-terrain vehicles to stop at service stations or
31 convenience stores along a designated roadway.

32 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a county may prohibit
33 the operation of all-terrain vehicles on a secondary road or
34 segment thereof under its jurisdiction as follows:

35 (a) When the secondary road or segment thereof is closed to

1 motor vehicle traffic pursuant to section 306.41.

2 (b) When the secondary road or segment thereof is designated
3 as a detour route pursuant to section 306.41.

4 (c) For any other secondary road or segment thereof, for no
5 more than seven consecutive days and no more than thirty days
6 in a calendar year when the prohibited days are established by
7 ordinance.

8 c. On state park road systems, including anywhere within the
9 boundaries of a state park that any other motor vehicle required
10 to be registered under this chapter is authorized to operate.

11 d. On a municipal street system if authorized by the city.
12 A city may designate streets under the jurisdiction of the city
13 within its corporate limits, and two-lane primary and secondary
14 road extensions in the city, which may be used for the operation
15 of all-terrain vehicles. In designating such streets, the city
16 may authorize all-terrain vehicles to stop at service stations or
17 convenience stores along a designated street. A city shall not
18 charge a fee to operate an all-terrain vehicle within the city.

19 Sec. 32. Section 321.234A, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
20 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof
21 the following:

22 2. A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle on a
23 highway in excess of thirty-five miles per hour. A person under
24 the age of eighteen years old shall not operate an all-terrain
25 vehicle on a highway unless the person is operating pursuant to
26 subsection 1, paragraph "a".

27 Sec. 33. Section 321.234A, subsections 3, 4, and 5, Code
28 2026, are amended to read as follows:

29 3. As provided in section 321.1, an all-terrain vehicle is
30 a motor vehicle for purposes of this chapter. Therefore, an
31 all-terrain vehicle operated on a highway shall be equipped with
32 the parts, lamps, and other equipment in proper condition and
33 adjustment as required under this chapter for motor vehicles,
34 ~~including but not limited to the parts, lamps, and equipment~~
35 ~~required under sections 321.386, 321.387, 321.404, 321.432, and~~

1 ~~321.437.~~

2 4. An all-terrain vehicle that is owned by the owner of land
3 adjacent to a highway, other than an interstate road, may be
4 operated by the owner of the all-terrain vehicle, or by a member
5 of the owner's family, on the portion of the highway right-of-way
6 that is between the shoulder of the roadway, or at least five
7 feet from the edge of the roadway, and the owner's property
8 line. A person operating an all-terrain vehicle within the
9 highway right-of-way under this subsection shall comply with the
10 ~~registration, age and safety, and age~~ requirements under chapter
11 321I.

12 5. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", a person
13 ~~convicted of a violation of who violates~~ this section is guilty
14 ~~of commits~~ a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled
15 violation under section 805.8A, subsection 3.

16 b. A person who operates an unregistered all-terrain vehicle
17 other than as authorized in subsection 1 shall be charged with a
18 violation of section 321.17.

19 Sec. 34. Section 321.317, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 ~~It is unlawful for any~~ A person to shall not sell or
22 offer for sale or operate on the highways of the state any
23 vehicle subject to registration under the provisions of this
24 chapter which has never been registered in this or any other
25 state prior to January 1, 1954, unless the vehicle is equipped
26 with a directional signal device of a type in compliance with
27 the provisions of subsection 2. ~~Motorcycles~~ All-terrain vehicles
28 equipped with a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by
29 the operator and handlebars for steering control, motorcycles,
30 motorized bicycles, and semitrailers and trailers less than forty
31 inches in width are exempt from the provisions of this section
32 subsection.

33 Sec. 35. Section 321.404A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
34 amended to read as follows:

35 1. A person shall not operate a motor vehicle, ~~motorcycle, or~~

1 ~~motorized bicycle on the highways of this state~~ a highway if it
2 is equipped with a device that restricts the light output of a
3 headlamp required under section 321.385 or 321.386, a rear lamp
4 required under section 321.387, a signal lamp or signal device
5 required under section 321.404, or a directional signal device as
6 described in section 321.317.

7 Sec. 36. Section 321.438, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. Every motor vehicle except an all-terrain vehicle equipped
10 with a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator
11 and handlebars for steering control, a motorcycle, or a vehicle
12 included in the provisions of section 321.383 or section 321.115
13 shall be equipped with a windshield in accordance with section
14 321.444.

15 Sec. 37. Section 321.445, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 1. Except for all-terrain vehicles equipped with a seat or
18 saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars
19 for steering control, ~~motorcycles~~, and motorized bicycles,
20 1966 model year or newer motor vehicles subject to registration
21 in Iowa shall be equipped with safety belts and safety harnesses
22 which conform with federal motor vehicle safety standard numbers
23 209 and 210 as published in 49 C.F.R. §571.209 - 571.210 and
24 with prior federal motor vehicle safety standards for seat belt
25 assemblies and seat belt assembly anchorages applicable for the
26 motor vehicle's model year.

27 Sec. 38. Section 321.445, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. The driver and front seat occupants of a type of motor
30 vehicle that is subject to registration in Iowa, except a an
31 all-terrain vehicle equipped with a seat or saddle designed to
32 be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control,
33 motorcycle, or a motorized bicycle, shall each wear a properly
34 adjusted and fastened safety belt or safety harness any time the
35 vehicle is in forward motion on a street or highway in this state

1 except that a child under eighteen years of age shall be secured
2 as required under section 321.446.

3 Sec. 39. Section 321I.1, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
4 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 b. Off-road motorcycles shall be considered all-terrain
6 vehicles for the purpose of registration this chapter. ~~Off-road~~
7 ~~motorcycles shall also be considered all-terrain vehicles for the~~
8 ~~purpose of titling if a title has not previously been issued~~
9 ~~pursuant to chapter 321.~~ An operator of an off-road motorcycle
10 is subject to provisions governing the operation of all-terrain
11 vehicles in this chapter, but is exempt from the education
12 instruction and certification program requirements of sections
13 321I.25 and 321I.26.

14 Sec. 40. Section 321I.1, subsections 4, 13, and 23, Code
15 2026, are amended to read as follows:

16 4. "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of buying,
17 selling, or exchanging all-terrain vehicles ~~required to be~~
18 ~~registered under this chapter~~ and who has an established place
19 of business for that purpose in this state.

20 13. "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of
21 constructing or assembling all-terrain vehicles ~~required to be~~
22 ~~registered under this chapter~~ and who has an established place of
23 business for that purpose in this state.

24 23. "Public land" means land owned by the federal government,
25 the state, or political subdivisions of the state and land
26 acquired or developed for public recreation pursuant to section
27 321.146 or section 321I.8, Code 2026.

28 Sec. 41. Section 321I.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
29 following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. "Highway" means the entire width
31 between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature
32 when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a
33 matter of right, for purposes of vehicular travel, except in
34 public areas in which the boundary shall be thirty-three feet
35 each side of the center line of the roadway.

1 Sec. 42. Section 321I.1, subsection 17, paragraph b, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The operator of an off-road utility vehicle is subject
4 to provisions governing the operation of all-terrain vehicles in
5 section 321.234A, this chapter, and administrative rules, but is
6 exempt from the education instruction and certification program
7 requirements of sections 321I.25 and 321I.26. An operator of
8 an off-road utility vehicle shall not operate the vehicle on
9 a designated riding area or designated riding trail unless the
10 department has posted signage indicating the riding area or trail
11 is open to the operation of off-road utility vehicles. ~~Off-road~~
12 ~~utility vehicles are subject to the dealer registration and~~
13 ~~titling requirements of this chapter.~~ A motorized motor vehicle
14 that was previously titled or is currently titled under chapter
15 321 as a vehicle other than as an off-road utility vehicle shall
16 not be registered or operated as an off-road utility vehicle.

17 Sec. 43. Section 321I.1, subsection 29, Code 2026, is amended
18 by striking the subsection.

19 Sec. 44. Section 321I.2, subsection 1, paragraphs a, e, and
20 h, Code 2026, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

21 Sec. 45. Section 321I.10, subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Code
22 2026, are amended by striking the subsections.

23 Sec. 46. Section 321I.10, subsection 7, paragraph e, Code
24 2026, is amended to read as follows:

25 e. The crossing is made from ~~a street, roadway, or highway~~
26 ~~on which the all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle is~~
27 ~~authorized to operate~~ public land, public ice, or a designated
28 riding trail in this state to a street, roadway, or highway on
29 ~~which such vehicle is authorized to operate~~ public land, public
30 ice, or a designated riding trail in this state.

31 Sec. 47. Section 321I.15A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 1. a. The court may assess the defendant a civil penalty of
34 two hundred fifty dollars. The civil penalty shall be deposited
35 in the ~~special~~ off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational

1 riding areas fund created pursuant to under section 321I.8
2 321.146.

3 b. The court may order the defendant to pay restitution to
4 the titleholder of land for damages caused by the defendant's
5 violation, to the extent that the titleholder consents to
6 joining the action, and the titleholder's damages are established
7 at trial. If the titleholder is the state, the amount of
8 restitution ordered to be paid by the court shall be deposited in
9 the ~~special~~ off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational riding
10 areas fund created pursuant to under section 321I.8 321.146. If
11 the titleholder is a governmental entity other than the state,
12 the moneys shall be paid to the governmental entity for deposit
13 in any fund or account from which moneys are used for the
14 maintenance, repair, or improvement of the land where the damage
15 occurred.

16 Sec. 48. Section 321I.17, Code 2026, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **321I.17 Special events.**

19 The department may authorize the holding of organized special
20 events as defined in this chapter within this state. The
21 department shall adopt rules relating to the conduct of
22 special events held under department permits and designating the
23 equipment and facilities necessary for the safe operation of
24 all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, and off-road utility
25 vehicles and for the safety of operators, participants, and
26 observers in the special events. A special event may require
27 an entrance fee set by the organizer of the special event.
28 The department may require that part of the entrance fee be
29 credited to ~~pay costs of all-terrain vehicle programs authorized~~
30 ~~pursuant to section 321I.8~~ the off-highway all-terrain vehicle
31 recreational riding areas fund created under section 321.146.

32 At least thirty days before the scheduled date of a special
33 event in this state, an application shall be filed with the
34 department for authorization to conduct the special event. The
35 application shall set forth the date, time, and location of the

1 proposed special event and any other information the department
2 requires. The special event shall not be conducted without
3 written authorization of the department.

4 Sec. 49. Section 321I.20, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 1. The owner of a rented all-terrain vehicle shall keep
7 a record of the name and address of each person renting the
8 all-terrain vehicle, ~~its registration certificate~~, the departure
9 date and time, and the expected time of return. The records
10 shall be preserved for six months.

11 Sec. 50. Section 321I.22, subsections 1, 7, and 8, Code 2026,
12 are amended by striking the subsections.

13 Sec. 51. Section 321I.22, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code 2026,
14 are amended to read as follows:

15 2. Every manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall register
16 with the department by making application to the commission, upon
17 forms prescribed by the commission, for a special registration
18 certificate ~~and decal~~. The applicant shall pay a registration
19 fee of forty-five dollars and submit reasonable proof of the
20 applicant's status as a bona fide manufacturer, distributor, or
21 dealer as may be required by the commission.

22 3. The commission, upon granting an application, shall
23 issue to the applicant a special registration certificate ~~and~~
24 ~~decal~~. The special registration certificate shall contain the
25 applicant's name, address, and general identification number;
26 the word "manufacturer", "dealer", or "distributor"; and other
27 information the commission prescribes.

28 4. The commission shall also issue duplicate special
29 registration certificates ~~and decals~~ which shall have displayed
30 thereon the general identification number assigned to the
31 applicant. A county recorder may issue duplicate special
32 registration certificates ~~and decals~~ electronically pursuant to
33 rules adopted by the commission. The fee for each additional
34 duplicate special registration certificate ~~and decal shall be~~ is
35 five dollars plus a writing fee.

1 Sec. 52. Section 321I.26, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 4. The certificate fees collected under this section shall
4 be credited to the ~~special all-terrain vehicle~~ off-highway
5 all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas fund and ~~shall be~~
6 ~~used for educational programs~~ created under section 321.146.

7 Sec. 53. Section 321I.27, Code 2026, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **321I.27 Stopping and inspecting — warnings.**

10 A peace officer may stop and inspect an all-terrain vehicle
11 operated, parked, or stored on ~~public streets, highways,~~ public
12 lands, public ice, or designated riding trails of the state to
13 determine if the all-terrain vehicle is ~~registered, numbered,~~
14 ~~or~~ equipped as required by this chapter and commission rules.
15 The officer shall not inspect an area that is not essential
16 to determine compliance with the requirements. If the officer
17 determines that the all-terrain vehicle is not in compliance,
18 the officer may issue a warning memorandum to the operator and
19 forward a copy to the commission. The warning memorandum ~~shall~~
20 must indicate the items found not in compliance and ~~shall~~ must
21 direct the owner or operator of the all-terrain vehicle to have
22 the all-terrain vehicle in compliance and return a copy of the
23 warning memorandum with the proof of compliance to the commission
24 within fourteen days. If the proof of compliance is not provided
25 within fourteen days, the owner or operator is in violation of
26 this chapter.

27 Sec. 54. Section 321I.28, Code 2026, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 **321I.28 Termination of use.**

30 A person who receives a warning memorandum for an all-terrain
31 vehicle shall stop using the all-terrain vehicle as soon as
32 possible and shall not operate it on ~~public streets, highways,~~
33 public lands, public ice, or designated riding trails of the
34 state until the all-terrain vehicle is in compliance.

35 Sec. 55. Section 321I.29, Code 2026, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **321I.29 Writing fees.**

3 1. ~~a.~~ The county recorder shall collect a writing fee of two
4 dollars for each privilege under this chapter.

5 ~~b.~~ 2. Writing fees collected or retained by the county
6 recorder under this chapter shall be deposited in the general
7 fund of the county.

8 ~~2. a.~~ A license agent shall collect a writing fee of one
9 dollar for an all-terrain vehicle registration or for renewal of
10 a registration issued by the license agent.

11 ~~b.~~ A license agent shall retain a writing fee of one dollar
12 from the sale of each user permit issued by the license agent.

13 Sec. 56. Section 321I.30, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 1. This chapter and other applicable laws of this state shall
16 govern the operation, equipment, ~~numbering,~~ and all other matters
17 relating to an all-terrain vehicle when the all-terrain vehicle
18 is operated or maintained on public land, public ice, or a
19 designated riding trail in this state. However, this chapter
20 does not prevent the adoption of an ordinance or local law
21 relating to the operation or equipment of all-terrain vehicles
22 on public land, public ice, or a designated riding trail. The
23 ordinances or local laws are operative only so long as they are
24 not inconsistent with this chapter or the rules adopted by the
25 commission.

26 Sec. 57. Section 321I.31, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
27 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
28 following:

29 1. A person who owns an all-terrain vehicle or off-road
30 utility vehicle that is not required to be registered under
31 chapter 321 may apply for and receive a certificate of title
32 for the all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle, as
33 applicable.

34 Sec. 58. Section 321I.31, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 9. If the county recorder is not satisfied as to the
2 ownership of the all-terrain vehicle or that there are no
3 undisclosed security interests in the all-terrain vehicle, the
4 county recorder may issue a certificate of title for the
5 all-terrain vehicle but, as a condition of such issuance, may
6 require the applicant to file with the department a bond in the
7 form prescribed by the department and executed by the applicant,
8 and also executed by a person authorized to conduct a surety
9 business in this state. The form and amount of the bond shall
10 be established by rule of the department. The bond shall be
11 conditioned to indemnify any prior owner and secured party and
12 any subsequent purchaser of the all-terrain vehicle or person
13 acquiring any security interest in the all-terrain vehicle, and
14 their respective successors in interest, against any expense,
15 loss, or damage, including reasonable attorney fees, by reason
16 of the issuance of the certificate of title of the all-terrain
17 vehicle or on account of any defect in or undisclosed security
18 interest upon the right, title, and interest of the applicant
19 in and to the all-terrain vehicle. Any such interested person
20 has a right of action to recover on the bond for any breach of
21 its conditions, but the aggregate liability of the surety to all
22 persons shall not exceed the amount of the bond. The bond shall
23 be returned at the end of three years or prior thereto if ~~the~~
24 ~~all-terrain vehicle is no longer registered in this state and~~
25 the certificate of title is surrendered to the department, unless
26 the department has been notified of the pendency of an action to
27 recover on the bond.

28 Sec. 59. Section 321I.32, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 5. Five dollars of the certificate of title fees collected
31 under this section shall be remitted by the county recorder to
32 the treasurer of state for deposit in the special off-highway
33 all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas fund created under
34 section ~~321I.8~~ 321.146. The remaining five dollars shall be
35 retained by the county and deposited into the general fund of the

1 county.

2 Sec. 60. Section 321I.34, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
3 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 b. The application fee for a security interest is ten
5 dollars. Five dollars of the fee shall be credited to the
6 ~~special off-highway all-terrain vehicle~~ recreational riding areas
7 fund created under section ~~321I.8~~ 321.146. The remaining five
8 dollars shall be retained by the county and deposited into the
9 general fund of the county.

10 Sec. 61. Section 321I.35, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 1. The department may assign a distinguishing number to an
13 all-terrain vehicle when the serial number on the all-terrain
14 vehicle is destroyed or obliterated and issue to the owner a
15 special decal bearing the distinguishing number which shall be
16 affixed to the all-terrain vehicle in a position to be determined
17 by the department. ~~The~~ If the owner applies for a certificate
18 of title under this chapter, the all-terrain vehicle shall be
19 ~~registered and titled under the distinguishing number in lieu of~~
20 the former serial number. Every all-terrain vehicle shall have a
21 vehicle identification number assigned and affixed as required by
22 the department.

23 Sec. 62. Section 321I.36, subsections 2, 3, 4, and 5, Code
24 2026, are amended to read as follows:

25 2. A person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of
26 a violation of any provision of this chapter ~~while the~~
27 ~~person's registration privilege is suspended or revoked under~~
28 ~~administrative procedures~~ is guilty of a simple misdemeanor if
29 the person had no other violations within the previous three
30 years which occurred ~~while the person's registration privilege~~
31 ~~was suspended or revoked.~~

32 3. A person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of
33 a violation of any provision of this chapter ~~while the~~
34 ~~person's registration privilege is suspended or revoked under~~
35 ~~administrative procedures~~ is guilty of a serious misdemeanor if

1 the person had one other violation within the previous three
2 years which occurred while the person's registration privilege
3 was suspended or revoked.

4 4. A person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of
5 a violation of any provision of this chapter while the
6 person's registration privilege is suspended or revoked under
7 administrative procedures is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor
8 if the person had two or more convictions within the previous
9 three years which occurred while the person's registration
10 privilege was suspended or revoked.

11 5. ~~a.~~ Upon the conviction of a person of any violation of
12 this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter, the court,
13 as a part of the judgment, may suspend or revoke one or more
14 all-terrain vehicle registration or user permit privileges of the
15 person for any definite period.

16 ~~b.~~ The court shall revoke all of the person's all-terrain
17 vehicle registrations or user permits and suspend the privilege
18 of procuring a registration or user permit for a period of one
19 year for any person who has been convicted twice within one year
20 of trespassing while operating an all-terrain vehicle. A person
21 shall not be issued a registration or user permit during the
22 period of suspension or revocation.

23 Sec. 63. Section 331.362, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 9. A county may regulate traffic on and use of the secondary
26 roads, in accordance with sections 321.234A, 321.236 through
27 321.239, 321.241, 321.247 through 321.250, 321.254, 321.255,
28 321.285, subsection 4, sections 321.352, 321.471 through 321.473,
29 and other applicable provisions of chapter 321, chapter 321E, and
30 sections 321G.9, ~~321I.10~~, and 327G.15.

31 Sec. 64. Section 331.427, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
32 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 Except as otherwise provided by state law, county revenues
34 from taxes and other sources for general county services shall
35 be credited to the general fund of the county, including revenues

1 received under sections 9I.11, 101A.3, 101A.7, 123.36, 142D.9,
2 176A.8, 321.105, 321.152, 321G.7, ~~321I.8~~, section 331.554,
3 subsection 6, sections 341A.20, 364.3, 368.21, 423A.7, 428A.8,
4 434.19, 445.57, 453A.35, 458A.21, 483A.12, 533.329, 556B.1,
5 583.6, 602.8108, 904.908, and 906.17, and the following:

6 Sec. 65. Section 331.602, subsection 16, Code 2026, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 16. Issue snowmobile ~~and all-terrain vehicle~~ registrations
9 and user permits as provided in sections 321G.4, 321G.4B, 321G.6,
10 and 321G.21, ~~321I.4, 321I.5, 321I.7, and 321I.22.~~

11 Sec. 66. Section 331.605, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
12 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

13 Sec. 67. Section 331.610, Code 2026, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **331.610 Abolition of office of recorder — identification of**
16 **office — place of filing.**

17 If the office of county recorder is abolished in a county, the
18 auditor of that county shall be referred to as the county auditor
19 and recorder. After abolition of the office of county recorder,
20 references in the Code requiring filing or recording of documents
21 with the county recorder shall be deemed to require the filing
22 in the office of the county auditor and recorder, and all duties
23 of the abolished office of recorder shall be performed by the
24 county auditor and recorder. However, the board of supervisors
25 may direct that any of the duties of the abolished office of
26 recorder prescribed in section 331.602, subsection 9, 10, 11, or
27 16, or section 331.605, subsection 1, paragraph "a", "b", "c",
28 or "d", ~~or "e"~~, shall be performed by other county officers or
29 employees as provided in section 331.323.

30 Sec. 68. Section 462A.33, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
31 to read as follows:

32 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to automobiles, all-terrain
33 vehicles, motorcycles, or trucks registered under chapter 321~~7~~,
34 or snowmobiles registered under chapter 321G; ~~or all-terrain~~
35 ~~vehicles, off-road motorcycles, or off-road utility vehicles~~

1 ~~registered under chapter 321I~~, when any of those vehicles are
2 used without endangering public safety.

3 Sec. 69. Section 805.8B, subsection 2A, paragraphs a and e,
4 Code 2026, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

5 Sec. 70. Section 805.8B, subsection 2A, paragraph b,
6 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

7 (2) For operating violations under section 321I.10,
8 ~~subsections 1 and~~ subsection 6, the scheduled fine is seventy
9 dollars.

10 Sec. 71. REPEAL. Sections 321I.3, 321I.4, 321I.5, 321I.6,
11 321I.7, 321I.8, 321I.9, and 321I.16, Code 2026, are repealed.

12 Sec. 72. SPECIAL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE FUND — TRANSFER. Any
13 unencumbered and unobligated moneys in the special all-terrain
14 vehicle fund created in section 321I.8, Code 2026, are
15 transferred to the off-highway all-terrain vehicle recreational
16 riding areas fund created under section 321.146, as enacted by
17 this division of this Act, on the effective date of this division
18 of this Act.

19 DIVISION II

20 REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR SNOWMOBILE AND VESSEL REGISTRATIONS

21 Sec. 73. Section 321G.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 1. The owner of each snowmobile required to be registered
24 shall register it annually with the department through a
25 county recorder. The department shall develop and maintain an
26 electronic system for the registration of snowmobiles pursuant
27 to this chapter. The department shall establish forms and
28 procedures as necessary for the registration of snowmobiles. A
29 person shall not be required to provide the person's height,
30 weight, or eye color when completing a form.

31 Sec. 74. Section 462A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
32 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 The owner of each vessel required to be numbered by this
34 state shall initially register it with the commission through
35 the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides,

1 or, if the owner is a nonresident, the owner shall register it
2 in the county in which such vessel is principally used. Both
3 residents and nonresidents shall subsequently renew registration
4 every three years with any county recorder. The commission shall
5 develop and maintain an electronic system for the registration of
6 vessels pursuant to this chapter. The commission shall establish
7 forms and procedures as necessary for the registration of all
8 vessels. A person shall not be required to provide the person's
9 height, weight, or eye color when completing a form.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR HIGHWAY USE. Under
14 current law, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), including off-road
15 utility vehicles, are generally prohibited from being operated
16 on a highway. Exceptions to this general prohibition exist,
17 including under Code section 321.234A, for ATVs operated
18 incidental to the ATV's use for agricultural purposes, incidental
19 to the ATV's use for the purpose of surveying by a licensed
20 engineer or land surveyor, by an employee or agent of a political
21 subdivision or public utility for the purpose of construction
22 or maintenance on or adjacent to the highway, by an employee or
23 agent of a public agency for the purpose of providing emergency
24 services or rescue, for the purpose of mowing, installing
25 approved trail signs, or providing maintenance on a snowmobile
26 or ATV trail designated by the department of natural resources
27 (DNR), in accordance with Code section 321I.10, and to cross
28 a highway. A person operating an ATV on a highway must
29 have a valid driver's license and cannot exceed 35 miles per
30 hour (MPH). In addition, unless a person is operating the ATV
31 incidental to the ATV's use for agricultural purposes, the person
32 must be at least 18 years old, have financial liability coverage
33 (insurance) for the ATV, and carry proof of the insurance. Code
34 section 321I.10 also provides certain exceptions and authorizes a
35 person to operate an ATV, so long as it is registered under Code

1 chapter 321I, on undivided two-lane primary highways that are not
2 part of the interstate road system and paved secondary roads,
3 but only between locations where ATVs are otherwise authorized
4 to be operated, on state park road systems, unpaved secondary
5 roads, and paved, undivided secondary roads if authorized by
6 the county board of supervisors. Because an ATV is limited
7 to highway speeds not greater than 35 MPH, when operated on
8 a highway, an ATV must be identified with a reflective device
9 in accordance with the standards of the American society of
10 agricultural engineers pursuant to Code section 321.383(2).

11 This bill strikes provisions relating to the operation of ATVs
12 on highways, other than provisions regulating the crossing of
13 highways, from Code chapter 321I and moves the provisions to
14 Code section 321.234A. The bill strikes the requirement that an
15 unregistered ATV may be operated incidental to the ATV's use for
16 agricultural purposes only from sunrise to sunset. In accordance
17 with current law, an ATV is a motor vehicle and therefore must
18 be equipped with the parts, lamps, and other equipment in proper
19 condition and adjustment as required under Code chapter 321 for
20 motor vehicles. Current law specifies an ATV must be equipped
21 with the parts, lamps, and equipment required under Code chapter
22 321, including but not limited to Code sections 321.386, 321.387,
23 321.404, 321.432, and 321.437. The bill strikes these specific
24 Code section references.

25 Under current Code chapter 321I, ATVs must be registered with
26 DNR to operate on certain highways, and on public land, public
27 ice, and designated riding trails. An ATV is registered through
28 a county recorder. The annual ATV registration fee is \$15 with
29 an additional \$2 writing fee. If registered through a license
30 agent, the license agent can charge and retain an additional
31 \$1 writing fee. A nonresident user permit and a registration
32 renewal issued electronically are subject to an additional \$1.50
33 administrative fee. Fees collected by DNR are placed in a
34 special ATV fund. A registration decal, including a nonresident
35 user permit decal, as applicable, must be displayed on the ATV

1 in a manner prescribed by the natural resource commission. The
2 registration is valid for not more than one year and every
3 registration expires on December 31 each year.

4 The bill instead requires ATVs to be registered for highway
5 use under Code chapter 321. Pursuant to Code section 321.20,
6 the owner of a vehicle subject to registration under Code chapter
7 321 is required to make application to any county treasurer for
8 the initial registration and issuance of a certificate of title
9 for the vehicle. Vehicle registration under Code chapter 321 is
10 on a rolling basis and is valid for 12 months. Under the bill,
11 the annual registration fee for an ATV operated on highways is
12 \$20. The registration fee for an ATV that is more than five
13 model years old is reduced to \$10. It is a simple misdemeanor
14 punishable by a \$70 scheduled fine for any person to drive or
15 for an owner to knowingly permit to be driven upon a highway
16 a vehicle of a type required to be registered which is not
17 registered, or for which the appropriate fees have not been paid.
18 A registered ATV will be issued one registration plate which must
19 be displayed on the rear of the ATV. Additional registration fees
20 are required for personalized or special registration plates if
21 purchased by the ATV owner, and for battery electric and plug-in
22 hybrid electric ATVs. A person who purchases an ATV on and after
23 July 1, 2026, must pay the fee for new registration under Code
24 section 321.105A. The fee for new registration is equal to 5
25 percent of the purchase price of the ATV plus \$10. Such fees
26 are deposited in the road use tax fund.

27 The bill strikes and repeals, as applicable, the Code chapter
28 321I ATV registration requirements. As a result, an ATV may be
29 operated on public land, public ice, and designated riding trails
30 without being registered.

31 The bill creates a new off-highway all-terrain vehicle
32 recreational riding areas fund under the control of the
33 department of transportation (DOT). Unencumbered moneys in
34 the special ATV fund created under Code section 321I.8
35 are transferred to the new off-highway all-terrain vehicle

1 recreational riding areas fund. In addition, the treasurer
2 of state must credit to the new fund \$15 from the statutory
3 allocations fund for each ATV registration on and after July 1,
4 2026.

5 Under current law, an ATV owner is required to obtain
6 a certificate of title from the county recorder under the
7 provisions of Code chapter 321I. Under the bill, if an ATV is
8 registered under Code chapter 321 for highway use, the ATV owner
9 is instead required to obtain a certificate of title from a
10 county treasurer under Code chapter 321 by operation of law.
11 The bill authorizes the owner of an unregistered ATV to obtain
12 a certificate of title for the ATV, but does not require it.

13 The bill makes conforming changes to provisions relating to
14 ATV registrations and user permits.

15 REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR SNOWMOBILE AND VESSEL
16 REGISTRATIONS. Under current law, the DNR is required to
17 establish forms and procedures as necessary for the registration
18 of snowmobiles and vessels. The bill mandates that a person is
19 not required to provide the person's height, weight, or eye color
20 when completing such a form.