

# **Senate File 2088 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2088  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3023)

## **A BILL FOR**

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

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DIVISION I

CHAUFFEUR'S INSTRUCTION PERMITS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 DIVISION II

3 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 DIVISION III

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 DIVISION IV

4 RECORDS SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 **321.31 Records system.**

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

35 1. ~~State records system.~~

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

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

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

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

16 ~~2. County records system.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35     8. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 DIVISION V

31 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

26 1. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 defined in section 321.11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1     b. The department becomes aware that the electronic mail  
2 address or telephone number provided by the recipient is no  
3 longer valid.

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

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

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

14    Sec. 31. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies  
15 on and after December 1, 2028, or the date the department of  
16 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor  
17 for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement  
18 by the director of transportation that the department of  
19 transportation's electronic communications system is implemented,  
20 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy  
21 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

22                                   EXPLANATION

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

25    This bill relates to the administration and regulation of  
26 matters associated with the operation, registration, and titling  
27 of motor vehicles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 disclosure.

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

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