

**Senate File 2429 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2429  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 258)  
(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1044)

(COMPANION TO LSB 2723HZ BY  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION)

**A BILL FOR**

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

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

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

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

14 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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

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

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