

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
7 station, or transfer station, exceeding the weight limitation
8 of [section 321.463](#) but not exceeding a gross weight of
9 ~~ninety-six one hundred thirty-six thousand pounds, on primary~~
10 ~~roads and primary road extensions in cities.~~ The department
11 shall establish rules regarding minimum distances for axle
12 configurations.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
14 2027.

15 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

35 The bill makes fluid milk products annual permits valid for

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1 vehicles and combinations of vehicles weighing up to 136,000
2 pounds. The DOT is required to establish rules regarding
3 minimum distances for axle configurations. The bill does
4 not amend the 20,000-pounds-per-axle weight limit under Code
5 section 321.463.

6 The bill takes effect January 1, 2027.