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SENATE FILE 2088
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3023)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 23, 2026)

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, making penalties applicable, and including
4 applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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~~ five thousand 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 Sec. 13. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
29 on and after March 1, 2027, or the date the department of
30 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor for
31 publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by
32 the director of transportation that the applicable phase of the
33 department of transportation's new records system is implemented,
34 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy
35 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

DIVISION III

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

Sec. 14. Section 321.189, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 15. Section 321.190, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *Renewal.* A person may renew a nonoperator's identification card and, if eligible pursuant to rules adopted by the department, may do so electronically. The department shall renew a nonoperator's identification card upon payment of the required fee.

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

Sec. 16. Section 321.195, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

1 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
2 to administer this section.

3 Sec. 17. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
4 on and after March 1, 2027, or the date the department of
5 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor for
6 publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by
7 the director of transportation that the applicable phase of the
8 department of transportation's new records system is implemented,
9 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy
10 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

11 DIVISION IV

12 RECORDS SYSTEM

13 Sec. 18. Section 321.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 059A. "Records system" means the records
16 system described in section 321.31.

17 Sec. 19. Section 321.24, subsections 2 and 9, Code 2026, are
18 amended to read as follows:

19 2. The county treasurer shall maintain in the ~~county record~~
20 records system information contained on the registration receipt.
21 The information shall be accessible by registration number and
22 shall be open for public inspection during reasonable business
23 hours. ~~Copies~~ Information the department requires shall be sent
24 to the department in the manner and at the time the department
25 directs.

26 9. The county treasurer or the department, as applicable,
27 shall maintain in the ~~county or department~~ records system the
28 information contained on the certificate of title and the name
29 and address of the previous owner. The information must be
30 accessible by title certificate number for a period of three
31 years from the date of notification of cancellation of title
32 or date that a new title has been issued as provided in this
33 chapter. ~~Copies~~ Information the department requires shall be
34 sent to the department in the manner and at the time the
35 department directs. The department shall designate a uniform

1 system of title numbers to indicate the county of issuance.

2 Sec. 20. Section 321.31, Code 2026, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **321.31 Records system.**

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6 ~~A state and county records system shall be maintained in the~~
7 ~~following manner:~~

8 ~~1. State records system.~~

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

31 ~~b.~~ 2. The department may make photostatic, microfilm, or
32 other photographic copies, including electronic copies, of
33 certificates of title, registration receipts, or other records,
34 reports, or documents which are required to be retained by the
35 department. When copies have been made, the department may

1 destroy the original records in such manner as prescribed by
2 the director. ~~The photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic~~
3 ~~copies, when no longer of use, may be destroyed in the manner~~
4 ~~prescribed by the director, subject to the approval of the~~
5 ~~state records commission. Photostatic, microfilm, or other~~
6 ~~photographic copies~~ Copies of records shall be admissible in
7 evidence when duly certified and authenticated by the officer
8 having custody and control of the copies of records. Records of
9 vehicle certificates of title may be destroyed seven years after
10 the date of issue or five years after the date of issuance if
11 the vehicle's registration has been delinquent for five or more
12 consecutive years.

13 ~~e.~~ 3. The director shall maintain a in the records system a
14 record of delinquent accounts owed to the state using information
15 provided through the computerized data bank established in
16 section 421.17. The department and county treasurers shall use
17 the information maintained in the records system to determine if
18 applicants for renewal of registration have delinquent accounts,
19 charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness owed to or
20 being collected by the state as provided pursuant to section
21 421.65. The director and the director of revenue shall establish
22 procedures for updating the delinquent accounts records to add
23 and remove accounts, as applicable.

24 ~~2. County records system.~~

25 ~~a. Each county treasurer's office shall maintain a county~~
26 ~~records system for vehicle registration and certificate of title~~
27 ~~documents. The records system must consist of information from~~
28 ~~the certificate of title, including the date of perfection~~
29 ~~and cancellation of security interests, information from the~~
30 ~~registration receipt, and the name and address of the previous~~
31 ~~owner. The information shall be maintained in a manner approved~~
32 ~~by the department.~~

33 ~~b. Records of vehicle certificates of title for vehicles~~
34 ~~that are delinquent for five or more consecutive years may be~~
35 ~~destroyed by the county treasurer. Automated files, optical~~

1 ~~disks, microfiche records, and photostatic, microfilm or other~~
2 ~~photographic copies of records shall be admissible in evidence~~
3 ~~when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having~~
4 ~~custody and control of the records.~~

5 Sec. 21. Section 321.40, subsections 4, 6, 7, and 8, Code
6 2026, are amended to read as follows:

7 4. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the
8 registration of a vehicle registered to a person when notified
9 by the department through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~
10 records system that the person has not paid restitution as
11 defined under section 910.1, subsection 10, to a clerk of the
12 court located within the state. Each clerk of court shall,
13 on a daily basis, notify the department through the Iowa court
14 information system of the full name and social security number of
15 all persons who owe delinquent restitution and whose restitution
16 obligation has been satisfied or canceled. This subsection does
17 not apply to the transfer of a registration or the issuance of a
18 new registration.

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

32 b. A county treasurer, in cooperation with the department
33 of revenue, may collect from a person applying for renewal
34 of a vehicle registration delinquent taxes, including penalties
35 and interest owed to the state, and nontax liabilities being

1 collected by the central collection unit of the department
2 of revenue pursuant to section 421.17, subsection 27. The
3 applicant may remit full payment of the balance owed including
4 applicable penalties and interest, along with a processing
5 fee of five dollars, to the county treasurer at the time
6 of registration renewal. Upon full payment of the required
7 balance owed including applicable penalties and interest, the
8 processing fee, and the vehicle registration fee, the county
9 treasurer shall issue the registration to the person. A county
10 treasurer collecting on behalf of the department of revenue shall
11 update the vehicle registration records through the ~~distributed~~
12 ~~teleprocessing network~~ records system on a daily basis for all
13 persons who have paid taxes or other balances owed pursuant to
14 this subsection. A county treasurer shall forward all funds
15 collected for the department of revenue to the department of
16 revenue.

17 7. a. The department or the county treasurer shall refuse to
18 renew the registration of a vehicle registered to an applicant if
19 the department or the county treasurer knows that the applicant
20 has not paid a civil penalty imposed on the applicant pursuant
21 to section 321N.3, subsection 3. An applicant may contest
22 this action by initiating a contested case proceeding with the
23 department. The department shall notify the county treasurers
24 through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system of
25 persons who have not paid such civil penalties.

26 b. The county treasurer of the county of an applicant's
27 residence and in which the applicant's vehicle is registered,
28 in cooperation with the department, may collect a civil penalty
29 imposed on the applicant pursuant to section 321N.3, subsection
30 3, when the applicant applies for renewal of a vehicle
31 registration. The applicant may remit full payment of the civil
32 penalty, along with a processing fee of five dollars, to the
33 county treasurer at the time of registration renewal. Upon
34 full payment of the civil penalty, the processing fee, and the
35 vehicle registration fee, the county treasurer shall issue the

1 registration to the applicant. A county treasurer collecting
2 a civil penalty on behalf of the department pursuant to this
3 subsection shall update the vehicle registration records through
4 the ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system on a daily
5 basis for all applicants who have paid civil penalties pursuant
6 to this subsection. A county treasurer shall forward all funds
7 collected on behalf of the department to the department.

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

24 Sec. 22. Section 321.46, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2026, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 2. Upon filing the application for a new initial registration
27 and a new title, the applicant shall pay a title fee of thirty
28 dollars, an annual registration fee prorated for the remaining
29 unexpired months of the registration year, and a fee for new
30 registration if applicable. A manufacturer applying for a
31 certificate of title pursuant to section 322G.12 shall pay a
32 title fee of twenty dollars. However, a title fee shall not be
33 charged to a manufactured or mobile home retailer applying for a
34 certificate of title for a used mobile home or manufactured home,
35 titled in Iowa, as required under section 321.45, subsection

1 4. The county treasurer, if satisfied of the genuineness and
2 regularity of the application, and in the case of a mobile home
3 or manufactured home, that taxes are not owing under chapter 435,
4 and that applicant has complied with all the requirements of this
5 chapter, shall issue a new certificate of title and, except for
6 a mobile home, manufactured home, or a vehicle returned to and
7 accepted by a manufacturer as described in section 322G.12, a
8 registration card to the purchaser or transferee, shall cancel
9 the prior registration for the vehicle, and shall ~~forward the~~
10 ~~necessary copies to the department~~ use the records system to
11 update the necessary information on the date of issuance, ~~as~~
12 ~~prescribed in section 321.24.~~ Mobile homes or manufactured homes
13 titled under chapter 448 that have been subject under section
14 446.18 to a public bidder sale in a county shall be titled in the
15 county's name, with no fee, and the county treasurer shall issue
16 the title.

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

33 Sec. 23. Section 321.47, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
34 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 a. The persons entitled under the laws of descent and

1 distribution to the possession and ownership of a vehicle owned
2 in whole or in part by a decedent who died intestate, upon
3 filing an affidavit stating the name and date of death of the
4 decedent, the right to possession and ownership of the persons
5 filing the affidavit, and that there has been no administration
6 of the decedent's estate, which instrument must also contain
7 an agreement by the affiant to indemnify creditors of the
8 decedent who would be entitled to levy execution upon the motor
9 vehicle to the extent of the value of the motor vehicle, shall,
10 upon complying with the other title transfer requirements of
11 this chapter, be issued a registration card for the decedent's
12 interest in the vehicle and a certificate of title to the
13 vehicle. If a decedent died testate, and either the will is
14 not probated or is admitted to probate without administration,
15 the persons entitled to the possession and ownership of a vehicle
16 owned in whole or in part by the decedent may file an affidavit
17 and, upon complying with the other title transfer requirements
18 of this chapter, shall be issued a registration card for the
19 decedent's interest in the vehicle and a certificate of title
20 to the vehicle. The affidavit must contain the same information
21 and indemnity agreement as is required in cases of intestacy
22 under this subsection. For a death occurring before January
23 1, 2025, a requirement of chapter 450 shall not be considered
24 satisfied by the filing of the affidavit provided for in this
25 subsection. If, ~~from~~ upon review of the records in the office of
26 ~~the county treasurer system~~, there appear to be any liens on the
27 vehicle, the certificate of title must contain a statement of the
28 liens unless the application is accompanied by proper evidence
29 of the satisfaction or extinction of such liens. Evidence of
30 extinction includes but is not limited to an affidavit of the
31 applicant stating that a security interest was foreclosed as
32 provided in chapter 554, article 9, part 6. The department shall
33 waive the certificate of title fee and surcharge required under
34 sections 321.20, 321.20A, 321.23, 321.46, 321.52, and 321.52A if
35 the person entitled to possession and ownership of a vehicle,

1 as provided in this subsection, is the surviving spouse of a
2 decedent.

3 Sec. 24. Section 321.50, subsections 3, 5, and 6, Code 2026,
4 are amended to read as follows:

5 3. Upon receipt of the application, the certificate of title,
6 if any, and the required fee, the county treasurer shall note
7 the security interest and the date of perfection of the security
8 interest on the certificate of title. The county treasurer shall
9 also note the security interest and the date of perfection of the
10 security interest in the ~~county~~ records system. Upon receipt of
11 a certificate of title issued by a foreign jurisdiction, on which
12 a security interest has been noted, the county treasurer shall
13 note the security interest and the date the security interest was
14 noted on the foreign certificate of title, if available, or if
15 not, the date of issuance of the foreign certificate of title, on
16 the face of the new certificate of title. The county treasurer
17 shall also note the security interest and the date that was noted
18 on the certificate of title in the ~~county~~ records system. The
19 county treasurer shall then deliver the certificate of title to
20 the first secured party as shown thereon.

21 5. a. Except as provided in section 321.48, subsection 1,
22 paragraph "b", when a security interest is discharged, the holder
23 shall note a cancellation of the security interest on the face
24 of the certificate of title over the holder's signature or may
25 note the cancellation of the security interest on a separate,
26 notarized release form or letter. The holder shall deliver the
27 certificate of title and the form or letter, if applicable, to
28 any county treasurer. In the case of a security interest that
29 has been delivered by electronic means, the holder shall notify
30 the department or the county treasurer, in a manner prescribed
31 by the department, of the release of the security interest.
32 The county treasurer shall immediately note the cancellation of
33 the security interest on the face of the certificate of title,
34 if applicable, and in the ~~county~~ records system. The county
35 treasurer shall on the same day deliver the certificate of

1 title, if applicable, and the separate, notarized release form
2 or letter, if applicable, to the then first secured party or, if
3 there is no such person, to the person as directed by the owner,
4 in writing, on a form prescribed by the department or, if there
5 is no person designated, then to the owner. The cancellation of
6 the security interest shall be noted on the certificate of title
7 by the county treasurer without charge. The holder of a security
8 interest discharged by payment who fails to release the security
9 interest within fifteen days after being requested in writing to
10 do so shall forfeit to the person making the payment the sum of
11 twenty-five dollars.

12 b. If a lien has been released by the lienholder but has not
13 been sent to the county of record for clearance of the lien, any
14 county may note the release on the face of the title and shall
15 notify the county of record that the lien has been released as
16 of the specified date and make entry upon the computer records
17 system. Notification to the county of record shall be made by
18 ~~an automated statewide in the records~~ system or by sending a
19 photocopy of the released title to the county of record.

20 c. When a security interest is discharged, the lienholder
21 shall note the cancellation of the security interest on the face
22 of the title and, if applicable, may note the cancellation of
23 the security interest on a form prescribed by the department
24 and deliver a copy of the form in lieu of the title to the
25 department or to any county treasurer. The form may be delivered
26 by electronic means. The department or county treasurer, as
27 applicable, shall note the release of the security interest
28 upon in the statewide computer records system and the county's
29 ~~records~~. A copy of the form, if used, shall be attached
30 to the title by the lienholder, if the title is held by the
31 lienholder, and shall be evidence of the release of the security
32 interest. If the title is held by the lienholder, the lienholder
33 shall deliver the title to the first lienholder, or if there
34 is no such person, to the person as designated by the owner,
35 or if there is no such person designated, to the owner. If

1 a certificate of title has not been issued, upon release of a
2 security interest, the lienholder shall notify the department or
3 the county treasurer, in a manner prescribed by the department,
4 of the release of the security interest.

5 d. For purposes of this subsection, a security interest
6 noted on an Iowa certificate of title and appearing in the
7 ~~statewide computer~~ records system and the county's records
8 shall be presumed to be discharged upon presentation of a
9 valid certificate of title subsequently issued by a foreign
10 jurisdiction on which the security interest is no longer noted.

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

25 Sec. 25. Section 321.153, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 2. The ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system
28 shall be used in the collection, receipting, accounting, and
29 reporting of any fee collected through the registration renewal
30 or title process, with sufficient time and financial resources
31 provided for implementation.

32 Sec. 26. Section 321.198, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 3. A person whose period of validity of the person's driver's
35 license is extended under this section may file an application

1 in accordance with rules adopted by the department to have the
2 person's record of issuance of a driver's license retained in
3 the ~~department's record~~ records system during the period for
4 which the driver's license remains valid. If a person has had
5 the record of issuance of the person's driver's license removed
6 from the ~~department's records~~ system, the person shall have the
7 person's record of driver's license issuance reentered by the
8 department upon request if the request is accompanied by a letter
9 from the applicable person's commanding officer verifying the
10 military service.

11 Sec. 27. Section 331.553, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

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

25 Sec. 28. TRANSITION. County treasurers shall continue to
26 perform all duties related to the county records system described
27 in section 321.31, subsection 2, Code 2026, and shall retain and
28 maintain the records contained in the county records system prior
29 to the applicability of this division of this Act.

30 Sec. 29. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
31 on and after December 1, 2028, 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 V

4 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

5 Sec. 30. Section 321.11, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2026, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, personal information shall
8 not be disclosed to a requester, except as provided in 18
9 U.S.C. §2721, unless the person whose personal information
10 is requested has provided express written consent allowing
11 disclosure of the person's personal information. As used in this
12 section, "personal information" means information that identifies
13 a person, including a person's photograph, social security
14 number, driver's license number, name, address, telephone number,
15 electronic mail address, and medical or disability information,
16 but does not include information on vehicular accidents, driving
17 violations, and driver's status or a person's zip code.

18 4. The department shall not release personal information that
19 is in the form of a person's photograph or digital image or a
20 digital reproduction of a person's photograph, or the person's
21 telephone number or electronic mail address, to a person other
22 than an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency, an
23 employee of a federal or state agency or political subdivision
24 in the performance of the employee's official duties, a contract
25 employee of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing
26 in the conduct of an investigation, or a licensed private
27 investigation agency or a licensed security service or a licensed
28 employee of either, regardless of whether a person has provided
29 express written consent to disclosure of the information. The
30 department may collect reasonable fees for copies of records or
31 other services provided pursuant to this section or section 22.3,
32 321.10, or 622.46.

33 Sec. 31. NEW SECTION. **321.16A Electronic communications.**

34 1. As used in this section:

35 a. "Document" means information that the department is

1 required or authorized to provide to a person, and that is
2 eligible, as determined by the department, to be delivered by
3 electronic communication. "Document" includes but is not limited
4 to a notification, reminder, or other piece of correspondence,
5 other than a notice of a sanction.

6 b. "Electronic communication" means a document provided
7 electronically by the department and includes any of the
8 following:

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

12 (2) Posting a document on an electronic network provided by
13 the department that is accessible via the internet, a mobile
14 application, computer, mobile device, tablet, or any other
15 electronic device, or on the department's internet site, along
16 with a separate electronic mail notification of the posting
17 sent to the address at which the recipient has consented to
18 receive notification or by any other delivery method to which the
19 recipient has given consent.

20 c. "Notice of a sanction" means notice of bar, cancellation,
21 denial, disqualification, downgrade, revocation, or suspension
22 delivered by the department under section 252J.8, this chapter,
23 or chapter 321A, 321E, 321F, 321H, 321J, 321L, 321N, 322, 322A,
24 322C, 325A, 326, 327B, or 452A.

25 d. "Recipient" means a person who receives electronic
26 communication from the department under section 252J.8, this
27 chapter, or chapter 321A, 321E, 321F, 321H, 321J, 321L, 321N,
28 322, 322A, 322C, 325A, 326, 327B, or 452A.

29 2. a. Subject to the requirements and limitations of this
30 section and except as expressly prohibited by law, the department
31 may use electronic communication to deliver a document, other
32 than a notice of a sanction, to a recipient. The department
33 may also use electronic means to store and present a document
34 delivered by electronic communication.

35 b. The department may use electronic communication to deliver

1 a document to a recipient if all of the following occur:

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

4 (2) The recipient, before giving consent, is provided with
5 clear and conspicuous information concerning the rights of the
6 recipient and additional information, in accordance with rules
7 adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 17A, including the
8 use and protection of the recipient's personal information, as
9 defined in section 321.11.

10 (3) The recipient consents, or confirms consent, to receive
11 electronic communication in a manner that reasonably demonstrates
12 that the recipient can access electronic communications in
13 the method that the department will use for electronic
14 communications.

15 3. The department shall not use electronic communication
16 to deliver notice of a sanction. Notice of a sanction
17 must be delivered in accordance with section 321.16. This
18 subsection does not prohibit the department from using electronic
19 communication to send a courtesy copy of a notice of a sanction
20 by electronic means if the recipient has consented to receive
21 courtesy copies of a notice of a sanction, and if the copy is
22 available for electronic communication.

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

25 5. a. A withdrawal of consent by a recipient does not
26 affect the legal effectiveness, validity, or enforceability of a
27 document delivered by electronic communication to the recipient
28 prior to the withdrawal of consent.

29 b. A withdrawal of consent is effective within a reasonable
30 period of time after the department receives notice of the
31 withdrawal.

32 6. This section does not apply to a document electronically
33 delivered by the department prior to the effective date of this
34 division of this Act if, before the effective date of this
35 division of this Act, the recipient received or consented to

1 receive a document in an electronic form otherwise allowed by
2 law.

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

6 a. The department attempted to use electronic communication
7 to deliver a document to a recipient and has a reasonable basis
8 for believing that the document has not been received.

9 b. The department becomes aware that the electronic mail
10 address or telephone number provided by the recipient is no
11 longer valid.

12 8. The department is authorized to collect telephone numbers
13 and electronic mail addresses on any department application.
14 Telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses collected
15 pursuant to this subsection shall be used and disclosed only as
16 authorized under this section or section 321.11.

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

20 10. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
21 to administer this section.

22 Sec. 32. 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
25 for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement
26 by the director of transportation that the department of
27 transportation's electronic communications system is implemented,
28 whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy
29 of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.