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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

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

5 20A. "*Driver's license*" means any license or permit issued  
6 to a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of  
7 this state, including but not limited to a restricted work,  
8 special minor's restricted, temporary restricted, or temporary  
9 license and an instruction, ~~chauffeur's instruction~~, commercial  
10 learner's, or temporary permit. For purposes of license  
11 suspension, revocation, bar, disqualification, cancellation, or  
12 denial under [this chapter](#) and [chapters 321A, 321C, and 321J](#),  
13 "*driver's license*" includes any privilege to operate a motor  
14 vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 Sec. 8. CHAUFFEUR'S INSTRUCTION PERMIT VALIDITY. A  
33 chauffeur's instruction permit issued before the effective  
34 date of this division of this Act shall remain valid until the  
35 expiration date listed on the permit. Until the expiration

1 of the permit, the permittee may continue to operate a motor  
2 vehicle in accordance with section 321.180, subsection 3, Code  
3 2026.

4 DIVISION II

5 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 1. The department shall, immediately or within sixty days  
35 after the receipt of a report of a motor vehicle accident

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

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

20 **321I.11 Accident reports.**

21 If an all-terrain vehicle is involved in an accident  
22 resulting in injury or death to ~~anyone~~ any person, or property  
23 damage amounting to one five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars or  
24 more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator  
25 shall immediately notify the county sheriff or another law  
26 enforcement agency in the state. If the accident occurred on  
27 public land, public ice, or a designated riding trail under the  
28 jurisdiction of the commission, the operator shall file with  
29 the commission a report of the accident, within seventy-two  
30 hours, containing information as the commission may require.  
31 All other accidents shall be reported as required under section  
32 321.266.

33 Sec. 13. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies  
34 on and after March 1, 2027, or the date the department of  
35 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor

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

6 DIVISION III

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **321.195 Replacement of driver's licenses and nonoperator's**  
23 **identification cards.**

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

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

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

7     4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
8 to administer this section.

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

17                                   DIVISION IV

18                                   RECORDS SYSTEM

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

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

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

25     2. The county treasurer shall maintain in the ~~county record~~  
26 records system information contained on the registration  
27 receipt. The information shall be accessible by registration  
28 number and shall be open for public inspection during  
29 reasonable business hours. ~~Copies~~ Information the department  
30 requires shall be sent to the department in the manner and at  
31 the time the department directs.

32     9. The county treasurer or the department, as applicable,  
33 shall maintain in the ~~county or department~~ records system the  
34 information contained on the certificate of title and the name  
35 and address of the previous owner. The information must be

1 accessible by title certificate number for a period of three  
2 years from the date of notification of cancellation of title  
3 or date that a new title has been issued as provided in this  
4 chapter. ~~Copies~~ Information the department requires shall  
5 be sent to the department in the manner and at the time the  
6 department directs. The department shall designate a uniform  
7 system of title numbers to indicate the county of issuance.

8 Sec. 20. Section 321.31, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 **321.31 Records system.**

11 ~~A state and county records system shall be maintained in the~~  
12 ~~following manner:~~

13 1. ~~State records system.~~

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

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

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

30 ~~2. County records system.~~

31 ~~a. Each county treasurer's office shall maintain a county~~  
32 ~~records system for vehicle registration and certificate~~  
33 ~~of title documents. The records system must consist of~~  
34 ~~information from the certificate of title, including the~~  
35 ~~date of perfection and cancellation of security interests,~~

1 ~~information from the registration receipt, and the name and~~  
2 ~~address of the previous owner. The information shall be~~  
3 ~~maintained in a manner approved by the department.~~

4 ~~b. Records of vehicle certificates of title for vehicles~~  
5 ~~that are delinquent for five or more consecutive years may be~~  
6 ~~destroyed by the county treasurer. Automated files, optical~~  
7 ~~disks, microfiche records, and photostatic, microfilm or other~~  
8 ~~photographic copies of records shall be admissible in evidence~~  
9 ~~when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having~~  
10 ~~custody and control of the records.~~

11 Sec. 21. Section 321.40, subsections 4, 6, 7, and 8, Code  
12 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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

25 6. a. The department or the county treasurer shall refuse  
26 to renew the registration of a vehicle registered to the  
27 applicant if the department or the county treasurer knows that  
28 the applicant has a delinquent account, charge, fee, loan,  
29 taxes, or other indebtedness owed to or being collected by the  
30 state, from information provided pursuant to sections [421.17](#)  
31 and [421.65](#). An applicant may contest this action by initiating  
32 a contested case proceeding with the agency that referred the  
33 debt for collection pursuant to [section 421.65](#). The department  
34 of revenue and the department of transportation shall notify  
35 the county treasurers through the ~~distributed teleprocessing~~

1 ~~network~~ records system of persons who owe such a delinquent  
2 account, charge, fee, loan, taxes, or other indebtedness.

3     *b.* A county treasurer, in cooperation with the department  
4 of revenue, may collect from a person applying for renewal of  
5 a vehicle registration delinquent taxes, including penalties  
6 and interest owed to the state, and nontax liabilities being  
7 collected by the central collection unit of the department  
8 of revenue pursuant to [section 421.17, subsection 27](#). The  
9 applicant may remit full payment of the balance owed including  
10 applicable penalties and interest, along with a processing  
11 fee of five dollars, to the county treasurer at the time of  
12 registration renewal. Upon full payment of the required  
13 balance owed including applicable penalties and interest, the  
14 processing fee, and the vehicle registration fee, the county  
15 treasurer shall issue the registration to the person. A county  
16 treasurer collecting on behalf of the department of revenue  
17 shall update the vehicle registration records through the  
18 ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system on a daily  
19 basis for all persons who have paid taxes or other balances  
20 owed pursuant to [this subsection](#). A county treasurer shall  
21 forward all funds collected for the department of revenue to  
22 the department of revenue.

23     7. *a.* The department or the county treasurer shall  
24 refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle registered  
25 to an applicant if the department or the county treasurer  
26 knows that the applicant has not paid a civil penalty imposed  
27 on the applicant pursuant to [section 321N.3, subsection](#)  
28 [3](#). An applicant may contest this action by initiating a  
29 contested case proceeding with the department. The department  
30 shall notify the county treasurers through the ~~distributed~~  
31 ~~teleprocessing network~~ records system of persons who have not  
32 paid such civil penalties.

33     *b.* The county treasurer of the county of an applicant's  
34 residence and in which the applicant's vehicle is registered,  
35 in cooperation with the department, may collect a civil

1 penalty imposed on the applicant pursuant to section 321N.3,  
2 subsection 3, when the applicant applies for renewal of a  
3 vehicle registration. The applicant may remit full payment of  
4 the civil penalty, along with a processing fee of five dollars,  
5 to the county treasurer at the time of registration renewal.  
6 Upon full payment of the civil penalty, the processing fee,  
7 and the vehicle registration fee, the county treasurer shall  
8 issue the registration to the applicant. A county treasurer  
9 collecting a civil penalty on behalf of the department pursuant  
10 to [this subsection](#) shall update the vehicle registration  
11 records through the ~~distributed teleprocessing network records~~  
12 system on a daily basis for all applicants who have paid civil  
13 penalties pursuant to [this subsection](#). A county treasurer  
14 shall forward all funds collected on behalf of the department  
15 to the department.

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

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

35 2. Upon filing the application for a new initial

1 registration and a new title, the applicant shall pay a title  
2 fee of thirty dollars, an annual registration fee prorated  
3 for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year,  
4 and a fee for new registration if applicable. A manufacturer  
5 applying for a certificate of title pursuant to section  
6 322G.12 shall pay a title fee of twenty dollars. However, a  
7 title fee shall not be charged to a manufactured or mobile  
8 home retailer applying for a certificate of title for a used  
9 mobile home or manufactured home, titled in Iowa, as required  
10 under [section 321.45, subsection 4](#). The county treasurer, if  
11 satisfied of the genuineness and regularity of the application,  
12 and in the case of a mobile home or manufactured home, that  
13 taxes are not owing under [chapter 435](#), and that applicant has  
14 complied with all the requirements of [this chapter](#), shall issue  
15 a new certificate of title and, except for a mobile home,  
16 manufactured home, or a vehicle returned to and accepted by a  
17 manufacturer as described in [section 322G.12](#), a registration  
18 card to the purchaser or transferee, shall cancel the prior  
19 registration for the vehicle, and shall ~~forward the necessary~~  
20 ~~copies to the department~~ use the records system to update the  
21 necessary information on the date of issuance, ~~as prescribed~~  
22 ~~in [section 321.24](#)~~. Mobile homes or manufactured homes titled  
23 under [chapter 448](#) that have been subject under [section 446.18](#)  
24 to a public bidder sale in a county shall be titled in the  
25 county's name, with no fee, and the county treasurer shall  
26 issue the title.

27 5. The seller or transferor may file an affidavit on forms  
28 prescribed and provided by the department with any county  
29 treasurer certifying the sale or transfer of ownership of the  
30 vehicle and the assignment and delivery of the certificate of  
31 title for the vehicle. Upon receipt of the affidavit, the  
32 county treasurer shall file the affidavit with the copy of the  
33 registration receipt for the vehicle on file in the treasurer's  
34 office and on that day the treasurer shall note receipt of  
35 the affidavit in the ~~vehicle registration and titling records~~ records

1 system. Upon filing the affidavit, it shall be presumed  
2 that the seller or transferor has assigned and delivered the  
3 certificate of title for the vehicle. For a leased vehicle,  
4 the lessor licensed pursuant to [chapter 321F](#) or the lessee may  
5 file an affidavit as provided in [this subsection](#) certifying  
6 that the lease has expired or been terminated and the date that  
7 the leased vehicle was surrendered to the lessor.

8 Sec. 23. Section 321.47, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
9 2026, is amended to read as follows:

10 a. The persons entitled under the laws of descent and  
11 distribution to the possession and ownership of a vehicle  
12 owned in whole or in part by a decedent who died intestate,  
13 upon filing an affidavit stating the name and date of death  
14 of the decedent, the right to possession and ownership of  
15 the persons filing the affidavit, and that there has been no  
16 administration of the decedent's estate, which instrument must  
17 also contain an agreement by the affiant to indemnify creditors  
18 of the decedent who would be entitled to levy execution upon  
19 the motor vehicle to the extent of the value of the motor  
20 vehicle, shall, upon complying with the other title transfer  
21 requirements of [this chapter](#), be issued a registration card  
22 for the decedent's interest in the vehicle and a certificate  
23 of title to the vehicle. If a decedent died testate, and  
24 either the will is not probated or is admitted to probate  
25 without administration, the persons entitled to the possession  
26 and ownership of a vehicle owned in whole or in part by the  
27 decedent may file an affidavit and, upon complying with the  
28 other title transfer requirements of [this chapter](#), shall be  
29 issued a registration card for the decedent's interest in  
30 the vehicle and a certificate of title to the vehicle. The  
31 affidavit must contain the same information and indemnity  
32 agreement as is required in cases of intestacy under this  
33 subsection. For a death occurring before January 1, 2025, a  
34 requirement of [chapter 450](#) shall not be considered satisfied by  
35 the filing of the affidavit provided for in [this subsection](#).

1 If, ~~from~~ upon review of the records in the office of the county  
2 ~~treasurer system~~, there appear to be any liens on the vehicle,  
3 the certificate of title must contain a statement of the liens  
4 unless the application is accompanied by proper evidence of  
5 the satisfaction or extinction of such liens. Evidence of  
6 extinction includes but is not limited to an affidavit of the  
7 applicant stating that a security interest was foreclosed as  
8 provided in [chapter 554, article 9, part 6](#). The department  
9 shall waive the certificate of title fee and surcharge required  
10 under [sections 321.20, 321.20A, 321.23, 321.46, 321.52, and](#)  
11 [321.52A](#) if the person entitled to possession and ownership of  
12 a vehicle, as provided in [this subsection](#), is the surviving  
13 spouse of a decedent.

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

16 3. Upon receipt of the application, the certificate of  
17 title, if any, and the required fee, the county treasurer shall  
18 note the security interest and the date of perfection of the  
19 security interest on the certificate of title. The county  
20 treasurer shall also note the security interest and the date  
21 of perfection of the security interest in the ~~county~~ records  
22 system. Upon receipt of a certificate of title issued by a  
23 foreign jurisdiction, on which a security interest has been  
24 noted, the county treasurer shall note the security interest  
25 and the date the security interest was noted on the foreign  
26 certificate of title, if available, or if not, the date of  
27 issuance of the foreign certificate of title, on the face of  
28 the new certificate of title. The county treasurer shall also  
29 note the security interest and the date that was noted on the  
30 certificate of title in the ~~county~~ records system. The county  
31 treasurer shall then deliver the certificate of title to the  
32 first secured party as shown thereon.

33 5. a. Except as provided in section 321.48, subsection  
34 1, paragraph "b", when a security interest is discharged, the  
35 holder shall note a cancellation of the security interest

1 on the face of the certificate of title over the holder's  
2 signature or may note the cancellation of the security interest  
3 on a separate, notarized release form or letter. The holder  
4 shall deliver the certificate of title and the form or letter,  
5 if applicable, to any county treasurer. In the case of a  
6 security interest that has been delivered by electronic means,  
7 the holder shall notify the department or the county treasurer,  
8 in a manner prescribed by the department, of the release of  
9 the security interest. The county treasurer shall immediately  
10 note the cancellation of the security interest on the face of  
11 the certificate of title, if applicable, and in the county  
12 records system. The county treasurer shall on the same day  
13 deliver the certificate of title, if applicable, and the  
14 separate, notarized release form or letter, if applicable,  
15 to the then first secured party or, if there is no such  
16 person, to the person as directed by the owner, in writing,  
17 on a form prescribed by the department or, if there is no  
18 person designated, then to the owner. The cancellation of  
19 the security interest shall be noted on the certificate of  
20 title by the county treasurer without charge. The holder of a  
21 security interest discharged by payment who fails to release  
22 the security interest within fifteen days after being requested  
23 in writing to do so shall forfeit to the person making the  
24 payment the sum of twenty-five dollars.

25 *b.* If a lien has been released by the lienholder but has  
26 not been sent to the county of record for clearance of the  
27 lien, any county may note the release on the face of the title  
28 and shall notify the county of record that the lien has been  
29 released as of the specified date and make entry upon the  
30 computer records system. Notification to the county of record  
31 shall be made ~~by an automated statewide~~ in the records system  
32 or by sending a photocopy of the released title to the county  
33 of record.

34 *c.* When a security interest is discharged, the lienholder  
35 shall note the cancellation of the security interest on

1 the face of the title and, if applicable, may note the  
 2 cancellation of the security interest on a form prescribed  
 3 by the department and deliver a copy of the form in lieu of  
 4 the title to the department or to any county treasurer. The  
 5 form may be delivered by electronic means. The department or  
 6 county treasurer, as applicable, shall note the release of the  
 7 security interest upon in the statewide computer records system  
 8 ~~and the county's records~~. A copy of the form, if used, shall be  
 9 attached to the title by the lienholder, if the title is held  
 10 by the lienholder, and shall be evidence of the release of the  
 11 security interest. If the title is held by the lienholder, the  
 12 lienholder shall deliver the title to the first lienholder,  
 13 or if there is no such person, to the person as designated by  
 14 the owner, or if there is no such person designated, to the  
 15 owner. If a certificate of title has not been issued, upon  
 16 release of a security interest, the lienholder shall notify the  
 17 department or the county treasurer, in a manner prescribed by  
 18 the department, of the release of the security interest.

19 *d.* For purposes of [this subsection](#), a security interest  
 20 noted on an Iowa certificate of title and appearing in the  
 21 ~~statewide computer records~~ system ~~and the county's records~~  
 22 shall be presumed to be discharged upon presentation of a  
 23 valid certificate of title subsequently issued by a foreign  
 24 jurisdiction on which the security interest is no longer noted.

25 6. Notwithstanding [subsection 5](#), when an application for  
 26 registration and issuance of a certificate of title is made  
 27 by the means described in [section 321.20, subsection 2](#), and  
 28 the application includes a certificate of title upon which a  
 29 security interest has been discharged by the secured party  
 30 and the cancellation of the security interest is noted by the  
 31 secured party on the certificate of title above the secured  
 32 party's signature, the county treasurer shall not require any  
 33 other notation of the cancellation of the security interest on  
 34 the face of the certificate of title, and the county treasurer  
 35 shall update such release on the ~~applicable program or computer~~

1 records system. A dealer licensed under [chapter 322](#) or chapter  
2 322C is authorized to sell such a vehicle pursuant to section  
3 321.48, subsection 1, paragraph "b".

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

6 2. The ~~distributed teleprocessing network~~ records system  
7 shall be used in the collection, receipting, accounting, and  
8 reporting of any fee collected through the registration renewal  
9 or title process, with sufficient time and financial resources  
10 provided for implementation.

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

13 3. A person whose period of validity of the person's  
14 driver's license is extended under [this section](#) may file an  
15 application in accordance with rules adopted by the department  
16 to have the person's record of issuance of a driver's license  
17 retained in the ~~department's record~~ records system during the  
18 period for which the driver's license remains valid. If a  
19 person has had the record of issuance of the person's driver's  
20 license removed from the ~~department's records~~ system, the  
21 person shall have the person's record of driver's license  
22 issuance reentered by the department upon request if the  
23 request is accompanied by a letter from the applicable person's  
24 commanding officer verifying the military service.

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

27 8. Pursuant to an agreement under [chapter 28E](#), collect  
28 delinquent parking fines on behalf of a city in conjunction  
29 with renewal of motor vehicle registrations pursuant to section  
30 321.40. If the agreement provides for a fee to be paid to or  
31 retained by the county treasurer from the collection of parking  
32 fines, such fees shall be credited to the county general fund.  
33 Fines collected pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be remitted  
34 biannually to the city. Notwithstanding [section 28E.10](#), a  
35 county treasurer ~~may~~ shall utilize the ~~state department of~~

1 ~~transportation's vehicle registration and titling records~~  
2 system described in section 321.31 to facilitate the purposes  
3 of this subsection.

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

9 Sec. 29. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies  
10 on and after December 1, 2028, or the date the department of  
11 transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor  
12 for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a statement  
13 by the director of transportation that the applicable phase  
14 of the department of transportation's new records system is  
15 implemented, whichever is earlier. The department shall also  
16 forward a copy of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

17 DIVISION V

18 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

21 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, personal information  
22 shall not be disclosed to a requester, except as provided in  
23 18 U.S.C. §2721, unless the person whose personal information  
24 is requested has provided express written consent allowing  
25 disclosure of the person's personal information. As used in  
26 this section, "*personal information*" means information that  
27 identifies a person, including a person's photograph, social  
28 security number, driver's license number, name, address,  
29 telephone number, electronic mail address, and medical or  
30 disability information, but does not include information on  
31 vehicular accidents, driving violations, and driver's status  
32 or a person's zip code.

33 4. The department shall not release personal information  
34 that is in the form of a person's photograph or digital image  
35 or a digital reproduction of a person's photograph, or the

1 person's telephone number or electronic mail address, to a  
2 person other than an officer or employee of a law enforcement  
3 agency, an employee of a federal or state agency or political  
4 subdivision in the performance of the employee's official  
5 duties, a contract employee of the department of inspections,  
6 appeals, and licensing in the conduct of an investigation, or a  
7 licensed private investigation agency or a licensed security  
8 service or a licensed employee of either, regardless of whether  
9 a person has provided express written consent to disclosure of  
10 the information. The department may collect reasonable fees  
11 for copies of records or other services provided pursuant to  
12 this section or [section 22.3](#), [321.10](#), or [622.46](#).

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

14 1. As used in this section:

15 *a. "Document"* means information that the department is  
16 required or authorized to provide to a person, and that is  
17 eligible, as determined by the department, to be delivered  
18 by electronic communication. *"Document"* includes but is  
19 not limited to a notification, reminder, or other piece of  
20 correspondence, other than a notice of a sanction.

21 *b. "Electronic communication"* means a document provided  
22 electronically by the department and includes any of the  
23 following:

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

27 (2) Posting a document on an electronic network provided by  
28 the department that is accessible via the internet, a mobile  
29 application, computer, mobile device, tablet, or any other  
30 electronic device, or on the department's internet site, along  
31 with a separate electronic mail notification of the posting  
32 sent to the address at which the recipient has consented to  
33 receive notification or by any other delivery method to which  
34 the recipient has given consent.

35 *c. "Notice of a sanction"* means notice of bar, cancellation,

1 denial, disqualification, downgrade, revocation, or suspension  
2 delivered by the department under section 252J.8, this chapter,  
3 or chapter 321A, 321E, 321F, 321H, 321J, 321L, 321N, 322, 322A,  
4 322C, 325A, 326, 327B, or 452A.

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

9 2. *a.* Subject to the requirements and limitations of  
10 this section and except as expressly prohibited by law, the  
11 department may use electronic communication to deliver a  
12 document, other than a notice of a sanction, to a recipient.  
13 The department may also use electronic means to store and  
14 present a document delivered by electronic communication.

15 *b.* The department may use electronic communication to  
16 deliver a document to a recipient if all of the following  
17 occur:

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

20 (2) The recipient, before giving consent, is provided with  
21 clear and conspicuous information concerning the rights of the  
22 recipient and additional information, in accordance with rules  
23 adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 17A, including  
24 the use and protection of the recipient's personal information,  
25 as defined in section 321.11.

26 (3) The recipient consents, or confirms consent, to  
27 receive electronic communication in a manner that reasonably  
28 demonstrates that the recipient can access electronic  
29 communications in the method that the department will use for  
30 electronic communications.

31 3. The department shall not use electronic communication  
32 to deliver notice of a sanction. Notice of a sanction must be  
33 delivered in accordance with section 321.16. This subsection  
34 does not prohibit the department from using electronic  
35 communication to send a courtesy copy of a notice of a sanction

1 by electronic means if the recipient has consented to receive  
2 courtesy copies of a notice of a sanction, and if the copy is  
3 available for electronic communication.

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

6 5. *a.* A withdrawal of consent by a recipient does not  
7 affect the legal effectiveness, validity, or enforceability  
8 of a document delivered by electronic communication to the  
9 recipient prior to the withdrawal of consent.

10 *b.* A withdrawal of consent is effective within a reasonable  
11 period of time after the department receives notice of the  
12 withdrawal.

13 6. This section does not apply to a document electronically  
14 delivered by the department prior to the effective date of this  
15 division of this Act if, before the effective date of this  
16 division of this Act, the recipient received or consented to  
17 receive a document in an electronic form otherwise allowed by  
18 law.

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

22 *a.* The department attempted to use electronic communication  
23 to deliver a document to a recipient and has a reasonable basis  
24 for believing that the document has not been received.

25 *b.* The department becomes aware that the electronic mail  
26 address or telephone number provided by the recipient is no  
27 longer valid.

28 8. The department is authorized to collect telephone  
29 numbers and electronic mail addresses on any department  
30 application. Telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses  
31 collected pursuant to this subsection shall be used and  
32 disclosed only as authorized under this section or section  
33 321.11.

34 9. The department's use of a recipient's telephone number or  
35 electronic mail address for electronic communication shall not

1 constitute a disclosure under section 321.11.

2 10. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
3 to administer this section.

4 Sec. 32. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies  
5 on and after December 1, 2028, or the date the department  
6 of transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code  
7 editor for publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin a  
8 statement by the director of transportation that the department  
9 of transportation's electronic communications system is  
10 implemented, whichever is earlier. The department shall also  
11 forward a copy of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.