

CHAPTER 71  
NONRESIDENT AND SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLES

S. F. 204

AN ACT relating to the registration and titling of nonresident vehicles and specially constructed or reconstructed vehicles.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty-three (321.23), subsection four (4), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

4. Any vehicle which does not meet the equipment requirements of this chapter due to the particular use for which it is designed or intended, may be registered ~~and-titled~~ by the department upon payment of appropriate fees and after inspection and certification by the department that the vehicle is not in an unsafe condition and will not endanger any person. A person is not required to have a certificate of title to register a vehicle under this subsection. If the owner elects to have a certificate of title issued for the vehicle, a fee of two dollars shall be paid by the person making the application upon issuance of a certificate of title. If the department's inspection reveals that that vehicle may be safely operated only under certain conditions or on certain types of roadways, the department may restrict the registration to limit operation of the vehicle to the appropriate conditions or roadways. This subsection shall not apply to snowmobiles as defined in section 321G.1.

Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty (321.20), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, every owner of a vehicle subject to registration hereunder shall make application to the county treasurer, of the county of ~~his~~ the owner's residence, or ~~to the department,~~ if a nonresident, to the county treasurer of the county where the primary users of the vehicle are located, for the registration and issuance of a certificate of title thereof upon the appropriate form ~~or-forms~~ furnished by the department, accompanied by a fee of two dollars, and every such application shall bear the signature of the owner written with pen and ink ~~and--said.~~ However, a nonresident owner of two or more vehicles subject to registration may make application for registration and issuance of a certificate of title for all vehicles subject to registration to the county treasurer of the county where the primary user of any of the vehicles is located. The application shall contain:

Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-four (321.34), subsection one (1), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

1. PLATES ISSUED. The county treasurer upon receiving application, accompanied by proper fee for registration of a vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, truck

tractor, trailer, or semitrailer and two registration plates for every other motor vehicle. The registration plates, including special registration plates, shall be assigned to the owner of a vehicle. Whenever the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns ownership of such vehicle to another person the owner shall remove the registration plates from the vehicle. The owner shall ~~either~~ forward the plates to the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered ~~or to the department if the vehicle is owned by a nonresident,~~ or the owner may have the plates assigned to another vehicle within thirty days after transfer, upon payment of the fees required by law. The owner shall immediately affix registration plates retained by the owner to another vehicle owned or acquired by such person, providing the owner complies with section 321.46.

Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty-six (321.46), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

The transferee shall within seven calendar days after purchase or transfer apply for and obtain from the county treasurer of the person's residence, or if a nonresident, the county treasurer of the county where the primary users of the vehicle are located or the county where all other vehicles owned by the nonresident are registered, a transfer of registration and a new certificate of title for such vehicle except as provided in section 321.48. The transferee shall present with the application the certificate of title endorsed and assigned by the previous owner and the signed registration card. The transferee shall be required to list a motor vehicle license number as part of the application for a registration transfer and a new title. The motor vehicle license number shall not be the social security number of the transferee unless requested by the transferee.

Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred sixty (321.160), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

321.160 DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE STATEMENT. The department shall prepare, annually, a statement showing all the different makes and models of motor vehicles previously registered in the department, and all the different makes and models of motor vehicles, statements of which have been filed in the office by the manufacturers as heretofore provided, together with the retail list price and weight of the same.

~~The statement prepared by the department shall also include the load capacities of the various makes and models of motor trucks and trailers and the proper fee to be paid for the registration.~~

Copies of ~~such~~ the statement shall be furnished each county treasurer and additional copies may be sold by the department to other persons, at a price to be set by the department, covering the approximate cost of same and service involved. All funds received shall be forwarded by the department to the treasurer of state.

Sec. 6. This Act is effective on December first following its enactment.