

emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department in consultation with service organizations. The application is subject to approval by the department. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be retired if the person served twenty years or longer in the United States armed forces or is a person who served a minimum of ten years and received an honorable discharge from service due to a medical disqualification.

Sec. 3. Section 321.34, Code Supplement 1997, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 10A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLATES. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, or travel trailer who is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services agency, may upon written application to the department, order special registration plates, designed by the department in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical services association, which plates signify that the applicant is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services agency. The application shall be approved by the department, in consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical services association, and the special registration plates shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to the person. The fee for the special plates shall be twenty-five dollars which shall be in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The department shall validate the special plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are validated under this section at the regular annual registration fee.

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CHAPTER 1080

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

S.F. 2085

AN ACT relating to the responsibilities of the department of transportation, including vehicle equipment and parking regulation, postings of highway weight restrictions, and receipt of plans for city street construction.

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

Section 1. Section 312.15, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:
312.15 WHEN FUNDS NOT ALLOCATED.

Funds shall not be allocated to any city until such city shall have complied with the provisions of sections 312.11, ~~312.12~~ and 312.14.

If a city has not complied with the provisions of section 312.14, the treasurer of state shall withhold funds allocated to the city until the city complies. If a city has not complied with the provisions of section 312.14 by December 31 following the date the report was required, funds shall not be allocated to the city until the city has complied and all funds withheld under this paragraph shall revert to the street construction fund of the cities.

The department shall notify the treasurer of state if any city fails to comply with the provisions of sections 312.11, ~~312.12~~ and 312.14.

Sec. 2. Section 321.231, subsection 4, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

4. The exemptions granted to an authorized emergency vehicle under subsection 2 and for a fire department vehicle, police vehicle or ambulance as provided in subsection 3 shall apply only when such vehicle is making use of an audible signaling device meeting the requirements of section 321.433, or a visual signaling device, ~~approved by the department~~ except that use of an audible or visual signaling device shall not be required when exercising the exemption granted under subsection 3, paragraph "b" of this section when the vehicle is operated by a peace officer, pursuing a suspected violator of the speed restrictions imposed by or pursuant to this chapter, for the purpose of determining the speed of travel of such suspected violator.

Sec. 3. Section 321.383, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

Garbage collection vehicles, when operated on the streets or highways of this state at speeds of thirty miles per hour or less, may display a reflective device ~~of a type and in a manner approved by the director~~ that complies with the standards of the American society of agricultural engineers. At speeds in excess of thirty miles per hour the device shall not be visible.

Sec. 4. Section 321.433, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

321.433 SIRENS, WHISTLES, AND BELLS PROHIBITED.

~~No~~ A vehicle shall not be equipped with ~~nor shall any and~~ and a person shall not use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as otherwise permitted in this section. It is permissible but not required that any commercial vehicle be equipped with a theft alarm signal device which is so arranged that it cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal. Any authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred feet ~~and of a type approved by the department~~, but such the siren, whistle, or bell shall not be used except when such the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, in which said latter events and the driver of such the vehicle shall sound said the siren, whistle, or bell when necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof of the vehicle.

Sec. 5. Section 321.444, subsection 2, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2. ~~The term "safety~~ "Safety glass" shall mean means any product composed of glass, so manufactured, fabricated, or treated as substantially to prevent shattering and flying of the glass when struck or broken ~~or such other or similar product as may be approved by the director~~. Safety glass and glazing materials shall comply with federal motor vehicle safety standard number 205 as published in 49 C.F.R. § 571.205.

Sec. 6. Section 321.445, subsection 1, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

1. Except for motorcycles or motorized bicycles, 1966 model year or newer motor vehicles subject to registration in Iowa shall be equipped with safety belts and safety harnesses which conform with federal motor vehicle safety standard numbers 209 and 210 as published in 49 C.F.R. § 571.209-571.210 and with prior federal motor vehicle safety standards for seat belt assemblies and seat belt assembly anchorages applicable for the motor vehicle's model year. ~~The department may adopt rules which comply with changes in the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards with regard to the type of safety belts and safety harnesses and their manner of installation.~~

Sec. 7. Section 321.445, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

a. The driver or front seat occupants of a motor vehicle which is not required to be equipped with safety belts or safety harnesses ~~under rules adopted by the department~~.

Sec. 8. Section 321G.12, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

321G.12 HEAD LAMP — TAIL LAMP — BRAKES.

Every all-terrain vehicle operated during the hours of darkness shall display a lighted head lamp and tail lamp. Every snowmobile shall be equipped with at least one head lamp and one tail lamp. Every all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile shall be equipped with brakes ~~which conform to standards prescribed by the director of transportation.~~

Sec. 9. Section 321L.2A, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

321L.2A WHEELCHAIR ~~LIFT WARNING~~ PARKING CONE.

The department ~~shall~~, upon the request of a person issued a persons with disabilities parking permit under section 321L.2 who ~~operates a motor vehicle with~~ uses a wheelchair ~~lift~~, shall provide the person with a ~~traffic cone~~ list of names and addresses of vendors who sell parking cones bearing the international symbol of accessibility and the words “wheelchair ~~lift~~ parking space”. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to ~~implement~~ administer this section.

Sec. 10. Section 321L.5, subsection 5, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

5. A persons with disabilities parking space located on a paved surface may be painted with a blue background upon which the international symbol of accessibility is painted in white or yellow nonskid paint. However, the blue background paint may be omitted. As used in this subsection, “paved surface” includes surfaces which are asphalt surfaced.

Sec. 11. Section 312.12, Code 1997, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 1081

LICENSING SANCTIONS FOR STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT

S.F. 2170

AN ACT relating to licensing sanctions against individuals who default on debt owed to or collected by the college student aid commission.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.110 NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL OF POTENTIAL SANCTION OF LICENSE.

1. The commission may initiate action to deny, revoke, or suspend any license authorized by the laws of this state, as defined in section 252J.1, to any person who has defaulted on an obligation owed to or collected by the commission as provided in this section and sections 261.111 through 261.116.

2. The commission shall proceed in accordance with this section and sections 261.111 through 261.116 only if notice is served on an individual by restricted certified mail addressed to the individual at the individual's last known address or principal place of business. The return post-office receipt signed by the individual shall be proof of notice.

The notice shall include all of the following:

- a. The address and telephone number of the commission and the individual's file number.
- b. A statement that the individual is in default on an obligation owed to or collected by the commission.