

**761—400.44(321) Penalty on registration fees.**

**400.44(1) *Monthly basis.*** The penalty on the delinquent payment of a registration fee shall be computed on a monthly basis, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. If multiple penalties are assessed, the penalties shall be first added together and then the sum shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

**400.44(2) *Vehicle purchased.*** The penalty on the registration fee shall accrue from the first day of the month following the date of purchase, unless the application for a certificate of title is submitted within 30 days after the date of purchase.

**400.44(3) *Vehicle moved into Iowa.*** The penalty on the registration fee shall accrue on the first day of the month following 30 days from the date a vehicle is moved into Iowa.

**400.44(4) *When delinquency extends beyond the current year.*** When the penalty on a delinquent registration fee extends beyond the current year, the penalty shall continue to accrue until paid. Penalty shall only accrue on the fee applicable at the time the delinquency accrued and shall not be applicable to subsequent registration fees which have not been paid.

**400.44(5) *Statement of nonuse.*** If the owner of a vehicle, on which the registration fees have not been paid for more than three complete registration years, certifies to the county treasurer of the owner's residence, or to the department in a form and manner prescribed by the department if a vehicle is registered under Iowa Code chapter 326, that the vehicle has not been moved or operated upon the highway since the year it was last registered, the vehicle may be registered upon payment of the current year's registration fee.

**400.44(6) *Waiver of penalties for military members.*** Registration penalties shall be waived as provided in Iowa Code section 321.134, subsection 5, if the owner provides a copy of an official government document verifying that the applicant is in the military service of the United States and has been relocated as a result of being placed on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.39, 321.46, 321.47, 321.49, 321.134 and 321.135.

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