

[Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 20-19](#)

DOT Video Training: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa7euXX6GcA&feature=youtu.be>

Highlighted verbiage on the new indicator:

- Effective with the 2020 legislative session
- Iowa Code sections [321.189](#) and [321.190](#)

The new law adds the option for a customer to request that their driver's license or nonoperator ID be marked on the face of the card to reflect their autism spectrum disorder status. This information will be communicated to the database law enforcement uses to query a person's driving record and vehicle registration during a traffic stop.

This is to help avoid miscommunication issues and negative interactions for people with an autism spectrum disorder, simply because they may not behave in a way that is expected. The information assists in alerting law enforcement that the driver may exhibit a demeanor or display behaviors that could otherwise be misinterpreted. This is a voluntary indicator and is not a restriction of driving privileges.

The indicator is available in ARTS to add to the face of a customer's DL or ID upon request when completing a transaction such as new issuance, renewal, or duplicate issuance, and normal license fees will apply.

Resources:

DOT Site: [Optional driver's license or ID card designations | Iowa DOT](#)

Memo Link: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/IM-20-19.pdf>

Link to Legislation: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/88/HF2372.pdf>

