Iowa Department of Transportation's
Regulatory Plan – July 14, 2026

Proposed Regulatory Actions

The department's regulatory plan includes future rulemakings that:

- Comply with legislation.
- Annually adopt the current Code of Federal Regulations within Chapters 529, 607, 800, 810 and 911.
- Annually adopt (if necessary) the correct date certain for references to federal law, federal code and various other documents adopted by reference by the department.

SECTION 1, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

1-1, For-Hire Interstate Motor Carrier Authority – Annual Update

Description: Amend rules regarding for-hire interstate motor carrier authority by adopting the most recent annual codifications of 49 CFR Parts 365-368 and 370-379. This affects 761 IAC 529.1.

Legal Basis: Iowa Code chapter 327B.

Need: The department annually adopts the specified parts of the most recent annual edition of 49 CFR.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-2, Commercial Driver Licensing – Annual Update

Description: Amend rules regarding commercial driver licensing by adopting the most recent annual codifications of 49 CFR Part 380, Subpart F, 49 CFR Section 391.11, 49 CFR Section 392.5, the following portions of 49 CFR Part 383: (1) Section 383.51(b), Disqualification for major offenses, and Section 383.51(a)(5), Reinstatement after lifetime disqualification; (2) Subpart E—Testing and Licensing Procedures, which contains Sections 383.71-383.77; (3) Subpart G—Required Knowledge and Skills, which contains Sections 383.110-383.123; (4) Subpart H—Tests, which contains Sections 383.131-383.135, and 49 CFR Part 384, Subpart B. This affects 761 IAC 607.5 and all other references to dates certain for other CFR references.

Legal Basis: Iowa Code sections 321.187, 321.188, 321.207, 321.208 and 321.208A.

Need: The department annually adopts the specified parts of the most recent annual edition of 49 CFR.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-3, Window Tint Rule Authority

Description: Rescind window tint rule 450.5 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 766, which removes DOT authority to set window tint by rule. This affects 761 IAC 450.5.

Legal Basis: 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 766

Need: The department is amending the rule to remain consistent with the statutory directive.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-4, Registration for Noncommercial Fleet Vehicles

Description: Adds a section requiring the department by December 1, 2028, to develop program to renew registration of noncommercial vehicles and design noncommercial fleet permanent plate. This affects 761 IAC 401.

Legal Basis: 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 907.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2029.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-5, Human Trafficking and Commercial Driver's Licenses

Description: Address in rule the new requirement for applicants of an initial CDL to complete human trafficking prevention training under Iowa Code section 321.175. This affects 761 IAC 607.

Legal Basis: 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2598

Need: The department is amending the rule to remain consistent with the statutory directive.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-6, Drivers Licenses and Nonoperator's Identification Cards – MVD360 system

Description: Promulgate rules pursuant to implement features of MVD's new MVD360 IT system and the requirements of SF2088. This affects 761 IAC chapters 601, 602, 605, 630 and 640.

Legal Basis: Iowa Acts 2026, Senate File 2088.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-7, Citizenship Authentication

Description: Amend rules to implement the requirements of SF2187, which requires an applicant to provide proof of US citizenship or lawful status in the US at the time of applicant for a driver's license of ID card. This affects 761 IAC 601.

Legal Basis: Iowa Acts, 2026 Senate File 2187.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-8, Remote vehicle sales

Description: Amend rules to implement the requirements of HF2485, which addresses storage of records by motor vehicle dealers. This affects 761 IAC 425.

Legal Basis: Iowa Acts 2026, House File 2598.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-9, Abandoned Vehicles

Description: Amend rules to implement the requirements of HF2617, which addresses processes related to disposing of abandoned vehicles. Specifically, the rules in chapter 480 addressing notification requirements will need to be adjusted to account for the revised notification timeframes in the legislation. This affects 761 IAC 480.

Legal Basis: Iowa Acts 2026, House File 2617.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-10, Nonresident Vehicle Registration and Certificate of Title – Proof of Property Ownership

Description: The bill requires adoption of rules to establish what constitutes acceptable proof of property ownership for a nonresident to register and title a vehicle in Iowa. This affects 761 IAC 400.

Legal Basis: 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2189.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-11, English Language Proficiency Tests for Commercial Drivers

Description: Adopt rules to address the English-language proficiency test the Department will administer to individuals seeking issuance or renewal of a commercial driver license. This affects 761 IAC 607.

Legal Basis: Iowa Acts 2026, Senate File 2426

Need: The department is adopting rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

1-12, Dairy Hauling Bill

Description: Adopt rules to set forth minimum distances for axle configurations for vehicles operating with the fluid milk oversize permit. This affects 761 IAC 511.

Legal Basis: Iowa Acts 2026, Senate File 2429

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division, 515-237-3058.

SECTION 2, TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2-1, Items of General Application for Railroads – Annual Update

Description: Update references to federal regulations. This affects 761 IAC 800.20(1).

Legal Basis: Iowa Code section 327G.24.

Need: The department annually adopts the most recent edition of 49 CFR Part 1152.

Contemplated Schedule: These changes will be incorporated in calendar year 2025 when the department reviews Chapter 800 as part of EO 10.

Contact Person: Maria Hobbs, Transportation Development Division, 515-239-1088.

2-2, Railroad Safety Standards – Annual Update

Description: Update references to federal regulations. This affects 761 IAC 810.1.

Legal Basis: Iowa Code section 327C.2.

Need: The department annually adopts the most recent edition of 49 CFR Part 213.

Contemplated Schedule: These changes will be incorporated in calendar year 2025 when the department reviews Chapter 810 as part of EO 10.

Contact Person: Maria Hobbs, Transportation Development Division, 515-239-1088.

2-3, School Transportation Services Provided by Regional Transit Systems – Annual Update

Description: Update references to federal regulations for 49 CFR Parts 38, 571 and 655. This affects 761 IAC 911.5.

Legal Basis: Iowa Code section 321.377.

Need: The department annually adopts the specified parts of the most recent edition of 49 CFR.

Contemplated Schedule: These changes will be incorporated in calendar year 2025 when the department reviews Chapter 911 as part of EO 10.

Contact Person: Kristin Harr, Transportation Development Division, 515-233-7875.

2-4, Installations of Transmission Lines on Highway Rights-of-Way

Description: Amend 761-115 to allow a utility infrastructure owner installations on a primary road right-of-way, including on an interstate road right-of-way, unless the department determines such an installation would endanger public safety or interfere with the proper function and public use of the highway. This affects 761 IAC 115.

Legal Basis: 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2214.

Need: The department is amending the rules to remain consistent with the statutory amendment.

Contemplated Schedule: Complete rulemaking in fiscal year 2027.

Contact Person: Deanne Popp, Transportation Development Division, (515) 239-1014

SECTION 3, 2025 REGULATORY PLAN – RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS

The 2025 Regulatory Plan included three different rule change types. The first were those rule changes necessary to comply with the legislation pass during session. These include the following chapter's which were modified:

Chapter 761-118, 119, 601, 605, 630 Gender Identity and Sex Designation

Chapter 761-511 Single Statewide System for Issuing Applications and Permits/ Single-Trip Permit Registration Tonnage Fee/ All-Systems Permit Dispute Resolution (Delayed implementation date).

Chapter 761-615 Hands-Free Driving

Chapter 761-720 Iowa Airport Registration – Date Certain Updates

Chapter 761-820 Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund

Another type of rule changes are those rules which are reviewed to remain in compliance with federal requirements. These rules are included below:

Chapter 761-529 For-Hire Interstate Motor Carrier Authority – Annual Update

Chapter 761-607 Commercial Driver Licensing – Annual Update

Chapter 761-800 Items of General Application for Railroads – Annual Update

Chapter 761-810 Railroad Safety Standards – Annual Update

Chapter 761-820 Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund – Date Certain Update

Chapter 761-911 School Transportation Services Provided by Regional Transit Systems – Annual Update

The final changes were updates to date certain performed by MVD as needed. The below chapters are monitored for any necessary changes:

Chapter	Title	Reference	Affected Rule(s)
301	Driver's Privacy Protection	18 USC 2721 to 2725	301.1; 301.2; 301.4; 301.5;301.6
380	Autonomous Vehicles	2021 edition - Taxonomy and Definitions for AVs	380.2
400	Registration and Title	AAMVA's Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin - 2023	400.1
400	Registration and Title	26 CFR 41 (2021)	400.17
400	Registration and Title	49 CFR 580.17 (2024)	400.40(3)
405	Salvage	28 CFR 25.54 (2023)	405.6
431	Vehicle Recyclers	28 CFR 25.56 (2023)	431.2
450	Motor Vehicle Equipment	49 CFR 571.205 (2024)	450.2
450	Motor Vehicle Equipment	49 CFR 393.83 (2024)	450.4
500	IRP	IRP Agreement (2024)	500.2(3)
500	IRP	23 CFR 669.9 (2024)	500.19(2)
505	IFTA	IFTA Agreement (2025)	505.2(2)
511	Special Permits	23 CFR 658 (2024)	511.22(1)
511	Special Permits	49 CFR 390.5 (2024)	511.22(2)
524	Intrastate MC Authority	49 CFR 387.33T (2024)	524.8(2)
601	Application for License	6 CFR 37.13 (2024)	601.4(5); 601.4(8)
601	Application for License	6 CFR 37.11 (2024)	601.4(8)
605	License Issuance	6 CFR 37.3 (2024)	605.2
605	License Issuance	6 CFR 37.17 (2024)	605.4
605	License Issuance	6 CFR 37.71 (2024)	605.4
605	License Issuance	6 CFR 37.21 (2024)	605.8
605	License Issuance	6 CFR Part 37 (2024)	605.10; 605.15
605	License Issuance	6 CFR 37.5 (2024)	605.15
620	OWI	NHTSA BAIIDs (May 2013)	620.3(3)
620	OWI	42 CFR 2.13 (2024)	620.9
630	Nonoperator's ID	6 CFR 37.3 (2024)	630.1(2)
630	Nonoperator's ID	6 CFR Part 37 (2024)	630.2(7)
634	Driver's Education	49 CFR 567.4 (2023)	634.3(2)

All of the above chapters have been updated in accordance with the 2025 Regulatory Plan enacted July 2025.