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## **Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 17-02**

### ***2017 Legislation – Move Over Law***

**DATE:** June 14, 2017

**FROM:** Melissa Spiegel, Interim Director, MVD

**TO:** All Driver and Identification Services (DIS) staff, Iowa County Treasurers and County Treasurers' staff that issue driver's licenses.

#### **SUBJECT**

This informational memo explains legislation enacted during the 2017 legislative session regarding approaching certain stationary vehicles and the duty to move over or slow down.

#### **SUMMARY**

House File 314 amended Iowa Code section 321.323A to add solid waste (garbage) and recycling collection service vehicles to the list of stationary vehicles for which an individual has a duty to move over or slow down.

**The legislation is effective July 1, 2017.**

#### **LINK TO LEGISLATION**

2017 Iowa Acts, House File 314:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/87/HF314.pdf>

#### **CURRENT**

Under current law, individuals are required to move over or slow down when approaching certain stationary vehicles, such as emergency vehicles, tow trucks and utility or maintenance vehicles. Individuals who are convicted of a violation of Iowa Code section 321.323A face a license suspension.

#### **NEW**

The new legislation adds garbage trucks and recycling trucks to the list of stationary vehicles for which an individual has a duty to move over or slow down.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT**

The legislation does not directly impact the way that DIS functions, but it is important to understand what this legislation does and how it impacts our customers.

#### **RESULT**

This legislation does not implement any new procedures for DIS staff. However, since customers may have questions about this new law, we wanted you to be aware of the changes. We will also make a corresponding change to the operator manual.

## **HELPFUL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following questions and answers provide additional information that will be helpful to you and to customers.

### **DID THE NEW LAW CHANGE THE LICENSE SUSPENSIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CODE SECTION?**

No, the legislation did not change the license suspension a person will face if convicted of a violation of this code section. However, because two new vehicles were added to the list of stationary vehicles, it could result in more convictions coming in under this code section.