

Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 21-15

2021 Legislation – Motor Vehicle Division Legislation Status List

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SUBJECT

This informational memo provides a list and brief summary of 2021 legislation impacting the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) that has been signed or has the potential to be signed into law. This memo is most applicable to any staff interested in legislative changes impacting MVD processes in the upcoming months.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this memo is to provide a brief status of each of the bills impacting MVD that have passed or have the potential to pass as of the date of issuance of this memo. *This memo is not meant to be a comprehensive explanation of each bill and its associated implementation requirements, rather, we will be sending out additional memos explaining each bill, required implementation steps, and any needed communication in more detail as it gets closer to the implementation date for each respective bill.*

2021 MVD LEGISLATION STATUS LIST

- 1) [HF 382](#) – Motor Carrier Fleet Permits for Presidential Disasters:
 - **Description:** This bill allows DOT to issue a fleet permit for vehicles carrying divisible loads of disaster relief supplies in conjunction with a presidential disaster declaration. This will allow a carrier to request a permit for a fleet of vehicles for travel on the interstate system and not have to request permits for each individual vehicle.
 - **DOT impact:** The bill will cause reprogramming of the permit issuance system to add a new permit type.
 - **Status:** This bill was signed by the Governor April 2, 2021.
 - **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

- 2) [HF 280](#) – Online CDL Renewal:
 - **Description:** This bill will allow CDL holders without a Hazardous Materials Endorsement or CLP to renew their CDL online through MyMVD.
 - **DOT impact:** The bill will cause us to reprogram MyMVD to allow for online CDL renewals. See IM 21-14, which was issued May 10, 2021 for more information.
 - **Status:** This bill was signed by the Governor April 2, 2021.
 - **Effective date:** The bill is effective upon enactment; but the implementation date is expected to be in August 2021 once programming is complete.

- 3) [HF 389](#) – Eliminate Class D-1 and D-2 Chauffeur Licenses:
 - **Description:** This bill eliminates D-1 and D-2 chauffeur licenses. A chauffeur’s license will only be needed for Class D-3 (non-commercial passenger transport) purposes on and after July 1, 2021.
 - **DOT impact:** We will no longer issue Class D-1 or D-2 chauffeur licenses. Customers previously holding a Class D-1 or D-2 license will be able to perform those operations with a non-commercial license effective July 1, 2021.
 - **Status:** The Governor signed the bill April 2, 2021.
 - **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

- 4) [SF 231](#) – Minor School License for Farm Work:
 - **Description:** This bill authorizes a minor school license holder to use the license for farm-related work if the minor resides on or is employed by a farm, so long as the driving distance does not exceed 50 miles.
 - **DOT impact:** This bill will not impact how DOT issues minor school licenses and the sign-off process for the school administrators will remain largely the same as the student must still qualify for the MSL for school purposes under the existing criteria. See IM 21-08, which was issued March 23, 2021 for more information.
 - **Status:** The Governor signed the bill March 8, 2021.
 - **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

- 5) [SF 230](#) – Salvage Vehicle Damage Threshold:
 - **Description:** This bill increases the damage threshold for a salvage motor vehicle from 50% to 70%
 - **DOT impact:** This bill will result in issuance of fewer salvage titles.
 - **Status:** The Governor signed the bill April 2, 2021.
 - **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

- 6) [SF 173](#) – Certifications of Trust:
 - **Description:** This bill further clarifies the required content of a certification of trust document. Vehicles owned by trusts may present a certification of trust to prove the existence of a trust.
 - **DOT impact:** Not a significant impact other than the certification of trust document will require a review for the required content when a vehicle is owned by a trust and the trust is seeking to register or title the vehicle.
 - **Status:** The Governor signed the bill March 8, 2021.
 - **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

- 7) [HF 757](#) – IID in Vehicles Operated for 1st Offense OWI:
 - **Description:** This bill allows a first time OWI offender to install an ignition interlock device (IID) only on vehicles the customer operates and no longer requires the IID to be installed on all vehicles owned or operated. The bill also eliminates the prohibition against issuing a

temporary restricted license (TRL) to a customer serving a driver's license sanction for driving while suspended or revoked.

- **DOT impact:** DOT will only need to require installation of an IID on the vehicle a first time OWI offender operates and will no longer need to require an IID to be installed on all vehicles owned or operated. We will also be able to issue TRLs for customers serving a driver's license sanction for driving while suspended or revoked under Iowa Code section 321.218.
- **Status:** The Governor signed the bill on May 10, 2021.
- **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

8) [SF 546](#) – Parent-Taught Driver's Education:

- **Description:** This bill reduces the amount of classroom hours and other minutes of instruction a student receiving parent-taught driver's education must complete. The bill also expands the parent-taught driver's education program to all students, not just those students who are being homeschooled.
- **DOT impact:** This bill will significantly increase the time MVD central office staff spends processing parent-taught driver's education completion certificates. Furthermore, each parent-taught driver's education student must complete a driving exam with the DOT or county treasurer prior to being licensed.
- **Status:** The Governor signed the bill on May 10, 2021.
- **Effective date:** July 1, 2021.

9) [HF 435](#) – Emergency Contact Information at DL/ID Issuance:

- **Description:** This bill requires the DOT to accept emergency contact information for a person at DL/ID issuance. The customer may submit emergency contact information for up to two contacts and the information will be transmitted to the database law enforcement uses for driver's license and vehicle registration look-ups.
- **DOT impact:** This bill will require us to accept, store, and share emergency contact information of DL/ID holders with law enforcement.
- **Status:** The bill is ready to be sent to the Governor for final sign-off.
- **Effective date:** If the Governor signs the bill, the bill will be effective January 1, 2022.

10) [HF 828](#) – CDL Skills Test Fees:

- **Description:** This bill allows DOT and counties that conduct CDL skills testing to assess CDL applicants a \$25 fee for scheduling the pre-trip portion of the CDL skills test. Counties will also be able to charge \$25 for each part of the 3-part CDL skills test.
- **DOT impact:** DOT-assessed fees go to SAF; counties keep county-assessed fees. N/A to third party testers.
- **Status:** The bill was sent to the Governor for final sign-off.
- **Effective date:** If the Governor signs the bill, the bill will be effective January 1, 2022.

11) [HF 419](#) – County Convenience Fee for DL/ID Issuance:

- **Description:** This bill allows counties to charge an extra \$10 convenience fee if they are serving a non-resident for DL/ID services. "Resident" also includes a person or a person's spouse who pays property taxes to the county. Fees retained in the county general fund.
- **DOT impact:** DOT will need to reprogram ARTS to keep track of which counties are charging

the convenience fee.

- **Status:** Still under consideration by the legislature.
- **Effective date:** If the bill passes and the Governor signs, the bill will be effective July 1, 2021.

12) [HF 870](#) – Any County Title and Registration:

- **Description:** This bill allows any county to process certain title and registration transactions for a customer, even if it is not the customer’s county of residence. The bill also allows ERT transactions to be performed by treasurers other than in the customer’s county of residence. Certain fees collected by the treasurers are increased.
- **DOT impact:** DOT will need to reprogram ARTS.
- **Status:** Still under consideration by the legislature.
- **Effective date:** If the bill passes and the Governor signs, the bill will be effective January 1, 2022.

13) [HF 869](#) – Annual Permit for Transporting Fluid Milk Products:

- **Description:** This bill creates a new annual permit for motor carriers hauling overweight loads of fluid milk on the interstate.
- **DOT impact:** The bill will cause reprogramming of the permit issuance system to add a new permit type.
- **Status:** The bill was sent to the Governor for final sign-off.
- **Effective date:** If the Governor signs the bill, the bill will be effective January 1, 2022.

14) [HF 309](#) – Disclosure of PII of Member of a Tax-Exempt Organization:

- **Description:** This bill prohibits any government agency from disclosing the personal information of a customer who is a member of or donor to a tax-exempt organization.
- **DOT impact:** This bill should not have a significant impact on DOT as we do not routinely collect information about a person’s status as a member of or donor to a tax-exempt organization in connection with the majority of MVD transactions, however we do approve plate decals for tax-exempt organizations. Any public records requests or DPPA requests for MVD information that may be connected to a person’s status in a tax-exempt organization will need to be reviewed and information possibly redacted to comply with the requirements of this new law.
- **Status:** The bill will be sent to the Governor for final sign-off.
- **Effective date:** If the Governor signs the bill, the bill will be effective July 1, 2021.