



Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 22-23 **2022 Legislation – Annual permit for lightweight cranes**

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TO: All Motor Vehicle Division staff

SUBJECT

This informational memo explains legislation enacted during the 2022 legislative session which authorizes us to issue an annual permit for the operation of certain cranes.

SUMMARY

HF 2518 establishes new Iowa Code section 321E.8(2A), which will allow a motor carrier to request, and us to issue, an annual permit for a crane on highways that will allow the crane to have a gross weight of 24,000 lbs. on any single axle so long as the vehicle does not exceed a gross weight of 80,000 pounds or the maximum dimensions specified in Iowa Code sections 321.454 through 321.457.

The legislation is effective January 1, 2023.

LINK TO LEGISLATION

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=HF2518>

CURRENT

Under current law, we are not authorized to issue an annual permit for cranes. Cranes currently may only have a gross weight of 24,000 lbs. on a single axle if operating under a single-trip permit.

NEW

The legislation will allow us to issue annual permits for lightweight cranes. This new annual permit will allow these cranes to have a gross weight of 24,000 lbs. on a single axle.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This legislation will allow motor carrier staff who issue overweight permits to issue an annual lightweight crane permit. Central office MVD staff will work with Bentley to create the new permit type and any required forms. Because this legislation is not effective until January 1, 2023, we anticipate updating this guidance with further information once we are closer to the implementation date.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers provide additional information to you and to customers.

WILL THE IOWA DOT BE ISSUING A NEW EMBARGO MAP FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHTWEIGHT CRANE PERMIT?

Yes, Iowa DOT anticipates posting a new embargo bridge map on the Iowa DOT website related to this permit. The new map will be posted and this memo updated closer to the implementation date.

WHAT IS THE FEE FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHTWEIGHT CRANE PERMIT?

The fee for this new annual permit is \$400.