

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 761—Chapter 424
“Transporter Plates”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 307.12(1)“j”
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j” and 321.57 through 321.63

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

February 14, 2025
9 to 9:30 a.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)
Or dial: 515.817.6093
Conference ID: 612 558 981

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Transportation no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The purpose of the proposed chapter is to implement Iowa Code sections 321.57 through 321.63, which address the eligibility to use transporter plates.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

• **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

There are no costs or fees associated with this chapter beyond what is required by the underlying statute. Rather, the purpose of the rules is to establish the eligibility requirements and application process for Iowa businesses that use transporter plates.

• **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Entities seeking to obtain transporter plates will benefit from this chapter by knowing the eligibility criteria and application process.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

• **Quantitative description of impact:**

There are no additional quantitative impacts that were not already anticipated as a result of the underlying statute, which requires the Department to make transporter plates available to qualified applicants. The statutory application fee is \$70.

• **Qualitative description of impact:**

The result of reorganizing, streamlining, and reducing redundancy in the proposed chapter will create a positive impact by producing a more user-friendly version of information the public relies on for understanding how to obtain transporter plates.

3. Costs to the State:

• **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

There are no additional implementation or enforcement costs in the proposed rules that were not already required as a result of the underlying statutes. The statute requires the Department to make transporter plates available to qualified applicants.

• **Anticipated effect on state revenues:**

There are no anticipated effects on state revenues beyond the underlying statute.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

The benefit of the proposed chapter is consistency and transparency on the processes and requirements for obtaining transporter plates in Iowa.

The cost of inaction is the inability for qualified vehicle transporters to understand quickly and efficiently what is required to obtain and maintain the ability to use transporter plates in Iowa.

There is no benefit of inaction.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

There are no less costly or less intrusive methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

• **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

The Department did not consider alternatives for the proposed rules. The Department is required by the Iowa Code to make transporter plates available to qualified applicants.

• **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

• Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

• Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

• Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

• Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

• Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no small business impact beyond what was already anticipated under the statute. The proposed rules apply equally to all transporters seeking transporter plates under the Iowa Code.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 424 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 424
TRANSPORTER PLATES

761—424.1(307,321) Definitions.

“*Operating authority*” means the authority issued by the department or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration under Iowa Code chapter 325A or 327B that is required for the delivery of a vehicle for compensation.

“*Transporter*” means a person who is engaged in the business of delivering vehicles owned by the person or delivering vehicles owned by other persons for compensation and who has an established place of business for such purpose in this state. An authorized vehicle recycler under Iowa Code chapter 321H who delivers vehicles in the course of the recycler’s business meets this definition.

“*Transporter plate*” means a special plate for transporters as authorized by Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j” and 321.57 through 321.63.

761—424.2(307,321) Application and requirements for transporter plates.

424.2(1) Application. A transporter may obtain transporter plates from the department by submitting an application on Form 417003 to the department with the applicable statutory fees under Iowa Code sections 321.58 through 321.60. Applications are to be submitted by mail to Motor Vehicle Division, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9278, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9278. Form 417003 may be obtained by contacting the motor vehicle division, by phone at 515.237.3156, by email to dealer.programs@iowadot.us or on the department’s website at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/buyingandselling/misc.

424.2(2) Required information. Each application shall include the following information:

- a. The transporter’s business name, bona fide address and telephone number.
- b. The legal name, bona fide address and phone number of an owner when the owner of the business is an individual, or the name, bona fide address and phone number of at least two partners or officers if the business is a partnership or corporation.
- c. The federal employer identification number of the business. However, if the business is owned by an individual who is not required to have a federal employer identification number, the application is to include the individual’s social security number, Iowa nonoperator’s identification number or Iowa driver’s license number.
- d. Certification on the application that the applicant possesses all necessary operating authority to conduct business as a transporter in the state.

424.2(3) Permitted uses of a transporter plate. The person delivering the vehicle must carry evidence issued by the owner of the vehicle authorizing the delivery. The evidence shall include the origin and destination of the vehicle delivery, the vehicle owner’s name and address and a description of the vehicle being delivered. Subject to these stipulations, a transporter plate may be displayed on a vehicle being operated or moved on the highway for the purpose of delivery to a place designated by the owner of the vehicle.

424.2(4) Prohibited uses of a transporter plate. A transporter plate shall not be displayed on a vehicle being delivered or displayed in any manner not specifically permitted under Iowa Code section 321.57 or subrule 424.2(3).

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 321.1 and 321.57 through 321.63.