

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 761—Chapter 600
“General Information”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 307.12(1)“j” and 321.445
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j” and 321.445

Public Hearing

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

February 14, 2025
2 to 2:30 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)
Or dial: 515.817.6093
Conference ID: 845 632 012

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 Department proposes to permanently rescind Chapter 600, “General Information.” Rules 761—600.1(321) (definitions) and 761—600.2(17A) (information and location) are rescinded because the content is unnecessary or duplicative. The content in rule 761—600.3(321) (seat belt exemptions) will be moved to Chapter 450, “Motor Vehicle Equipment,” but the language will not change.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

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

The rescission of this chapter does not impose any costs. Definitions of widely used terms and contact information for the Department already exist in several of the Department’s other applicable administrative rule chapters. The seat belt exemption rule language moving to Chapter 450 is not changing and does not impose any costs beyond underlying statute, which requires the Department to adopt rules providing seat belt exemptions.

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

Deleting unnecessary rules and moving content to a more applicable chapter will benefit the public by streamlining the process of searching for applicable rule content.

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:**

Rescinding this chapter does not cause a quantitative impact.

• **Qualitative description of impact:**

Rescinding this chapter and moving the content of rule 761—600.3(321) to the more applicable Chapter 450 will result in a positive qualitative impact when the public searches for information regarding seat belt exemptions because a more logical place to search for seat belt exemptions would be in a chapter entitled “Motor Vehicle Equipment” rather than “General Information.”

3. Costs to the State:

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

There are no costs to the State due to rescinding this chapter. The Department will continue to make seat belt exemption forms available to the public as it always has.

● **Anticipated effect on state revenues:**

There is no fiscal impact to the State due to rescinding this chapter.

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

There are no costs due to rescinding this chapter. A benefit of rescinding this chapter and moving the content of rule 761—600.3(321) to the more applicable Chapter 450 will occur when the public searches for information regarding seat belt exemptions because a more logical place to search for seat belt exemptions would be in a chapter entitled “Motor Vehicle Equipment” rather than “General Information.”

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 rescinding this chapter.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

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

No alternatives were considered.

● **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 due to rescinding this chapter.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **761—Chapter 600.**