

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

Department Name:	Department of Transportation	Date:	11/20/2024	Total Rule Count:	5
IAC #:	761	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	625	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	321.189A
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this chapter is to is to comply with Iowa Code section 321.189A, which requires the Department to adopt rules to administer undercover driver’s licenses. An undercover driver’s license can be issued to peace officers for use in the line of duty when a fictitious identity is necessary.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. Iowa issues undercover driver’s licenses to dozens of qualified applicants each year.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Any costs to the public related to applying for an undercover driver’s license is because of the underlying statute. An undercover driver’s license applicant is subject to the same statutory fees as a typical driver’s license applicant.

Iowa Code section 321.191 prescribes the applicable fees the Department must charge for driver’s licenses and endorsements.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the Department to implement the rules beyond those that would otherwise be required to administer the statute.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The rules establish the eligibility criteria and application process for issuance of undercover driver’s licenses. This helps ensure only eligible persons are issued an undercover driver’s license.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

There is no less restrictive alternative available for issuing undercover driver’s licenses other than establishing the basic eligibility criteria, application process and guidelines in rule, which helps ensure the process is clear for applicants and is consistently applied.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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625.1. Purpose. This rule was deleted because it is unnecessary.

625.2. Application. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms.

625.3. Issuance. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms and content that is duplicative of statute.

625.5. Cancellation. This rule is deleted due to being unnecessary and its content was moved to the rule on issuance.

625.6. Records. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

625.1

625.5

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

625.1

625.2

625.3

***For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	2
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	41
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	7

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.