

Iowa DOT's Administrative Rules Affected by 2016 Legislation

(Please note that other administrative rules may need to be updated. This list does not include all the rule changes that may be needed.)

- HF 588 This bill relates to the issuance of persons with disabilities removable windshield parking placards. This bill changes “nonexpiring” to “standard” when referring to a removable windshield placard. The placards will be valid for five years. HF 588 is effective January 1, 2017, and applies to persons with disabilities placards issued on or after January 1, 2017.
- HF 617 This bill provides for special vehicle registration plates displaying a decal designed and issued by a nonprofit organization. Section 1 eliminates existing Iowa Code section 321.34(13) regarding DOT review of new special registration plates and replaces it with a new subsection concerning special plates displaying organization decals. The DOT may adopt rules to implement section 1 of the bill. This bill is effective on January 1, 2017.
- HF 2356 This bill concerns the movement of implements of husbandry on a roadway and is subject to safety rules the DOT adopted under 761 Iowa Administrative Code 450.6. Adds an exception to allow the movement of any power unit towing more than one implement of husbandry that is not self-propelled and is capable of being towed in tandem. This bill is effective July 1, 2016.
- HF 2414 This bill provides for the regulation of transportation network companies and creates new Iowa Code chapter 321N allowing the department to adopt rules. This bill is effective January 1, 2017.
- HF 2437 This bill relates to the purview of the DOT. Division I adds a definition of autocycle and makes conforming amendments.
- Division II relates to repaired salvage motor vehicles and allows a person who has brought a salvage vehicle from another state that has been rebuilt and is ready to be titled as prior salvage to proceed directly to a salvage theft exam and obtain a prior salvage title, without first obtaining an Iowa salvage title. The fees for a salvage theft examination were increased to \$50 from \$30; the agency performing the examination may now keep \$40 of the fee instead of \$20. The fee must be paid at the time the examination is scheduled.
- Division III concerns special minor’s licenses and amends and renumbers Iowa Code section 321.194. A person holding a special minor’s license is limited to operating for extracurricular activities within the district of enrollment or within a contiguous school district.
- Division IV relates to oversize and overweight motor vehicles and increases permitted single tandem axle weight to 46,000 pounds.
- Division V prohibits all owners of aircraft (resident and nonresident) used for the application of herbicides and pesticides from receiving a registration refund if the aircraft was removed and continuously used beyond the boundaries of the state.
- This bill is effective July 1, 2016.

- HF 2449 This bill concerns legislation enacted on or after January 1, 2016, that expressly requires rulemaking. The affected state agency must do one of the following within 180 days of the effective date of the related provision of an act that expressly required rulemaking: 1) Submit a notice of intended action to the Administrative Rules Coordinator and Administrative Code Editor for publication; 2) Submit written notification to the Administrative Rules Review Committee that the agency has not submitted a notice of intended action. This bill is effective upon enactment, May 27, 2016.
- SF 2187 Section 1 amends Iowa Code section 321.189 to allow a veteran to present DD Form 214 to the DOT as proof of being a veteran to obtain a driver's license with the word "VETERAN" included. Section 2 amends Iowa Code section 321L.2 concerning persons with disabilities parking permits to allow the DOT to accept a certification of disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in lieu of a statement from certain medical providers as proof of the disability. The DOT may adopt rules detailing the requirements for an acceptable certification of disability. This bill is effective July 1, 2016.
- SF 2228 This bill relates to the activities of motor vehicle dealers and wholesalers. Section 1 requires the DOT, by January 1, 2018, to develop and implement a program to allow for electronic applications, titling, registering, and funds transfers for vehicles subject to registration. The program must also provide for the electronic submission of any statement required unless it is prohibited by federal law. The DOT is required to adopt rules on the method for providing statements required. Section 6 adds new Iowa Code section 322.3(16) concerning prohibited acts and states that a motor vehicle dealer or wholesaler licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322 shall not sell, loan, rent, lease, or charge a fee for the use of the license to another person for the purpose of allowing the person to engage in the business of selling motor vehicles. Section 4 makes a conforming amendment to Iowa Code section 322.3(3) to add new Iowa Code section 322.3(16). Section 7 amends Iowa Code section 322.4 to increase the surety bond required by an applicant to obtain a dealer's license from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Section 8 adds new Iowa Code section 322.19A concerning a documentary fee; a fee charged to a customer by a motor vehicle dealer. This bill is effective July 1, 2016.
- SF 2320 Section 3 requires the DOT to adopt a process for a political subdivision of the state that has ceased operation of an airport to submit an application to the DOT to forgive any required repayment of financial assistance that may be owed to the state as a result of the closure of the airport. The process must provide that if future use of the facility results in a project that creates jobs and expands the economy, the DOT must forgive any required repayment of certain financial assistance owed. Section 4 appropriates money from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program to the DOT and states the DOT shall expend the moneys appropriated in section 4 as provided in federal law and in conformance with Iowa Code chapter 17A. This bill is effective July 1, 2016.