

## **SF 205**

### **DOT Transportation Changes**

- Sections 1, 26, 27, 28 and 29 Amend Code sections 307.27(8), 327B.1, 327B.2 and 805.8A(13) to update Code references to reflect implementation of the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCR Agreement). This includes striking obsolete references to registration of interstate carriers under the Single State Registration System (SSRS) and amending the scheduled fine for violation of Code section 327B to reflect the changes in federal law. In 2007, amendments to Code chapter 327B were made to reflect the upcoming transition from the SSRS to the UCR Agreement in accordance with the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005. The UCR Agreement has now been fully implemented.
- Section 2 Amends Code section 321.1(15) to define "conviction" to include a plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the court.
- Sections 3-6 Amend Code sections 321.47(2), 321.113, 321.121(1) and 321.122(1) to require the DOT to waive the \$20 title fee and \$5 certificate of title surcharge when ownership of a vehicle is transferred from a decedent to the decedent's surviving spouse. Also provides that the vehicle remain on the same vehicle registration fee schedule after the title is transferred to the surviving spouse as it was prior to the transfer.
- Sections 7, 13, 14 and 17 Amend Code sections 321.174(2), 321.188(1) and 321.188(4) and creates new section 321.207 to merge the federal medical certification of drivers who are issued commercial driver licenses (CDLs) with the CDL issuance process. This is a requirement of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 and recent federal regulations.

Sections 7, 13, 14 and 17  
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Section 7 provides that a person commits a simple misdemeanor if the person operates a commercial motor vehicle on state highways after the person's CDL has been downgraded to noncommercial status pursuant to new Code section 321.207. Sections 13-17 require an applicant to provide self-certification of type of driving and a medical examiner's certificate before the DOT issues, renews or upgrades the person's CDL. The DOT is required to post the driver's self-certification of type of driving and the medical examiner's certificate to the National Commercial Driver's License Information System, as required by rule. The DOT is also required to establish rules for downgrading a CDL to noncommercial for failure to provide self-certification of type of driving or a medical examiner's certificate.

Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16  
and 20

Amend Code sections 321.178(2), 321.180B, 321.194 and 321A.17 to clarify the process for issuing a citation to a teen driver who violates Iowa's prohibition on the use of an electronic communication device while driving. The amendments provide that if a citation is issued for such a violation, it must be issued under the Code section for the appropriate type of license and not under Code section 321.193 that relates to license restrictions in general.

Section 12

Amends Code section 321.186A(1) to allow an applicant for a CDL to not take a DOT administered vision test if the applicant provides a vision report signed by a licensed vision specialist. This was previously allowed for noncommercial driver's license applicants but not CDL applicants.

Section 18

Amends Code section 321.376 to exempt persons who operate empty school buses from the requirement to have a school bus endorsement on their CDL. This exemption is allowed under federal regulations.

- Sections 19, 21 and 22      Amend Code sections 321A.5(1), 321G.10 and 321I.11 to increase the property damage threshold at which point a person's license and registration is suspended based on failure to provide security after an accident, from \$1,000 to \$1,500. In addition, the property damage reporting threshold for all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accidents is increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The amendments provide consistency with 2010 legislation that increased the property damage threshold to report motor vehicle accidents to the DOT, from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- Section 23      Amends Code section 322C.3 to prohibit an individual from being involved as a travel trailer dealer or employee, for a period of five years, if convicted of certain crimes. This is current law for motor vehicle dealers but was not for travel trailer dealers.
- Sections 24 and 25      Amend Code sections 325A.4(1) and 325A.21 to eliminate provisions allowing for the transfer of a regular-route passenger certificate.
- Section 30      Amends Code section 901.5(10) to allow the DOT to issue a temporary restricted license to a defendant whose license has been ordered revoked by the court for controlled substance-related offenses, without further order by the court.
- Section 31      Amends Code section 324A.4(2) which required the DOT to submit a report to the General Assembly, the Department of Management and the governor regarding transportation coordination and finance of public transit services. The amendments eliminate the detailed financial accounting from the reporting requirement, require the DOT to make recommendations to increase transportation coordination and improve the efficiency of programs used to finance public transit services, and provide for a biennial rather than annual report to the General Assembly and the governor.