

SF 2216

International Registration Plan/Registration Reciprocity

- Section 1 Amends Code section 321.1(60) to define "registration year" as used in Code chapter 321 to state that, for vehicles registered under Code chapter 326, "registration year" means the 12-month period determined by the DOT pursuant to Code section 326.14.
- Sections 2 and 3 Amend Code sections 321.20(1) and 321.20A to change "proportional registration" to "apportioned registration" to conform to International Registration Plan (IRP) terminology. Code section 321.20(1) also states that, upon the transfer of ownership, the owner of a vehicle registered under Code chapter 326 shall apply for issuance of a certificate of title to either the DOT or the appropriate county treasurer.
- Section 4 Amends Code section 321.34(4) to eliminate the option of a three-year registration payment for trailers and semitrailers registered under Code chapter 326 but retain the option of annual and five-year registration fee payments for those trailers. Retains the issuance of permanent plates for trailers, semitrailers, motor trucks, and truck tractors registered under Code chapter 326.
- Section 5 Strikes Code section 321.39(1) stating that, except as otherwise provided, the registration of a vehicle registered under Code chapter 326, and of any motor truck, truck tractor, or road tractor registered for a combined gross weight exceeding 5 tons, expires at midnight on the last day of December of each year.
- Section 6 Amends Code section 321.40(1) to state that application for renewal for a vehicle registered under Code chapter 326 shall be made on or after the first day of the month prior to the month of expiration of registration and up to and including the last day of the month of expiration of registration.

- Section 7 Amends Code section 321.46A to change "proportional registration" to "apportioned registration" to conform to IRP terminology. States that credit on a vehicle's annual registration fee may be allowed when an owner changes a vehicle's registration from apportioned registration under Code chapter 326 to registration under Code chapter 321 and surrenders to the county treasurer proof of apportioned registration provided by the DOT.
- Section 8 Amends Code section 321.105(4) to eliminate the option of a three-year registration payment for a trailer or semitrailer registered under Code chapter 326. Retains the option of annual and five-year registration payments for those vehicles.
- Section 9 Amends Code section 321.106 concerning the manner by which a vehicle registered under Code chapter 326 may be registered for a portion of the registration year (known as prorated registration). The amendment is made to reflect the change from calendar year registration to staggered registration for vehicles registered under the IRP pursuant to Code chapter 326. *Section 40 states that the section amending Code section 321.106, relating to proration of certain registration fees, shall be implemented on and after January 1, 2013, for vehicles with a registration expiration date after December 31, 2012. However, the DOT may begin implementation before January 1, 2013, to the extent necessary to transition to full implementation of those provisions.*
- Sections 10 and 11 Amend Code sections 321.126(1) and 321.126(2) to change "proportional registration" to "apportioned registration" to conform to IRP terminology. Code section 321.126(1) also replaces the word "multiyear" with "permanent" in reference to the registration plate issued a trailer or semitrailer registered under Code chapter 326.
- Section 12 Amends Code sections 321.127(3) and 321.127(4) to change "proportional registration" to "apportioned registration" to conform to IRP terminology and to replace the word "multiyear" with "permanent" in reference to the registration plate issued a trailer or semitrailer registered under Code chapter 326.

- Section 13 Amends Code sections 321.134(1) and 321.134(2) to specify that the penalties prescribed in those Code sections for delinquent registration of a vehicle do not apply to vehicles registered under Code chapter 326. Limits the option to pay the annual vehicle registration fee for trucks, truck tractors, and road tractors in two equal semiannual installments to those vehicles registered by the county treasurer. *Section 40 states that the section amending Code section 321.134(2) to eliminate semiannual installment payments for certain registration fees shall be implemented on and after January 1, 2013, for vehicles with a registration expiration date after December 31, 2012. However, the DOT may begin implementation before January 1, 2013, to the extent necessary to transition to full implementation of those provisions.*
- Section 14 Amends Code sections 321.466(2) and 321.466(6) to make editorial changes and technical corrections.
- Section 15 Amends Code section 321F.8 to correct a Code reference.
- Section 16 Amends Code section 326.1 to state that "it is the policy of this state to promote and encourage the fullest possible use of the state's highway system by authorizing the negotiation and execution of motor vehicle reciprocity agreements. Apportioned registration shall be conducted in accordance with the International Registration Plan with respect to vehicles registered in this and other jurisdictions ..." Iowa is a member of the IRP and is required to follow its regulations.
- Section 17 Amends Code section 326.2 by updating Code definitions for terms used in the IRP to use the definitions for those terms as included in the IRP. Defines the IRP to mean the registration reciprocity agreement among states of the United States, the District of Columbia, and provinces of Canada providing for payment of apportionable fees on the basis of total distance operated in all jurisdictions, in effect on January 1, 2011, or as later amended, published by the International Registration Plan, Inc., and available on the plan's Internet site.
- Section 18 Adds new Code section 326.3 to define other terms used in Code chapter 326 but not defined in the IRP.

- Section 19 Amends Code section 326.6 by striking the section and stating that the DOT may determine the sum total amount of registration fees necessary to register each and every vehicle in a fleet based on the annual registration fees prescribed in Code chapter 321. The language describing the process to determine the amount of registration fees is stricken because the process is defined in the IRP.
- Section 20 Amends Code section 326.10A to allow payment of fees by cash, wire transfer or other means offered by the DOT, in addition to personal or corporate check.
- Section 21 Amends Code section 326.11 to strike language allowing the DOT director to issue temporary written authorization for vehicles added to an owner's fleet after the beginning of the registration year. The provision is stricken because it is included in the IRP.
- Section 22 Amends Code section 326.12 to make various editorial changes. Strikes 326.12(2) concerning restrictions on the deletion of vehicles from a fleet and the allowance of credit for replacement vehicles.
- Section 23 Amends Code section 326.13 to change "fleet owners" to "registrants" and to strike a reference requiring fleet owners to forward certain information to the DOT director by January 1 of the current registration year.
- Section 24 Amends Code section 326.14 to reflect the change from calendar year registration to staggered registration for vehicles registered under Code chapter 326. Under current law, vehicles subject to "proportional registration" (changed to "apportioned registration" by this Act) are registered by the DOT on a calendar-year basis. This Act changes that by providing for staggered registration periods of 12 months, with one registration year beginning in each month of the calendar year and expiring on the last day of the twelfth calendar month in that 12-month period. The DOT may adjust the renewal or expiration date of a vehicle's registration when necessary to equalize the number of vehicles registered in each 12-month period. The DOT is authorized to establish a procedure for the implementation of the staggered vehicle registration system.

- Section 24 (continued) The procedure may provide for a one-time collection of fewer than 12 or up to 18 months of registration fees in order to transition to staggered registration periods.
- Section 25 Amends Code section 326.15 to make various editorial changes.
- Section 26 Amends Code section 326.16 to make various editorial changes. Allows notice of suspension of registration for nonpayment of fees to be sent by regular mail rather than certified mail.
- Section 27 Amends Code section 326.19A to make various editorial changes. Retains language that allows the DOT to assess a penalty in the amount of 20 percent of apportioned fees if an audit confirms a registrant has failed to maintain certain operational records, but strikes specific language regarding the process to determine the amount of apportioned fees because the process is defined in the IRP.
- Section 28 Amends Code section 326.21 to make various editorial changes. Strikes reference to laws of other "states" and inserts "jurisdictions" as both Canadian provinces and states of the United States are involved in the IRP.
- Section 29 Amends Code section 326.22 to update terminology to conform to the IRP. Uses the word "credentials" rather than referring to plates, stickers or registration receipts, and uses the termed "apportioned registration agreement."
- Sections 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37 Amend Code sections 326.25, 326.26, 326.27, 326.29, 326.30, 326.31 and 326.32 to make various editorial changes and update terminology to conform to the IRP.
- Section 33 Amends Code section 326.28 to strike reference to a fee for copying certain records. The DOT has a fee policy that applies to copies of DOT records.
- Section 38 Amends Code section 326.46 and clarifies that the temporary registration provided for in this section is unladen weight registration. Property or passengers may not be transported while the vehicle is subject to temporary registration under this provision.

Section 39

Repeals Code sections 326.7, 326.8, 326.9, 326.17, 326.18, 326.19 and 326.20. The provisions included in these Code sections are addressed in the IRP or are obsolete.

Section 40

States that the section amending Code section 321.134(2) to eliminate semiannual installment payments for certain registration fees, and the section amending Code section 321.106, relating to proration of certain registration fees, shall be implemented on and after January 1, 2013, for vehicles with a registration expiration date after December 31, 2012. However, the DOT may begin implementation before January 1, 2013, to the extent necessary to transition to full implementation of those provisions.