



BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

DOT Omnibus Bill HF 2361

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Committee: Transportation (19-0)
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Bill Summary

Sections 1-10 reflect changes **necessary to comply with federal legislation** that extends the requirements for regulating junkyards and requirements for regulating the placement of billboards on the National Highway System.

Sections 11-35 deal with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and Transportation Commission. The **updates reflect current practices of the Department and Commission** as they prepare for a review of their administrative rules. These changes are updates to titles and descriptions, along with placing appropriate duties into the correct Code sections.

Section 36 pertains to **motor vehicles subject to a lien when transferring titles** to another state and back. Under current law, if a motor vehicle titled in Iowa is subject to a lien and the owner leaves the state where the vehicle is issued a new title with release of the lien, but then returns to the state, the vehicle is still subject to the lien as shown on the prior Iowa title until a release of the lien is re-submitted. This re-submission requires the owner and lender to go through additional work to properly produce a clear title. The bill would eliminate this unnecessary step by allowing the surrendered title from the other jurisdiction, without the lien noted, to serve as authority to release the lien from the Iowa motor vehicle records.

Section 37 will reflect changes made to the recent **federal surface transportation bill**, which expands the area to which farmer operators receive a commercial driver's license (CDL) exemption. Current law allows for the exemption within a 150 mile radius of the farm or ranch. The expansion reaches across the state of Iowa and for farms near the border, up to a 150 mile radius into bordering states.

Section 38 allows **third party examiners to test CDL license applicants**. There is currently a waiting list for CDL testing and the DOT supports allowing third party examiners to administer the driving skills test. Tests are currently administered by the DOT Iowa community colleges.

Sections 39 and 40 update and define new **traffic signal displays** being used in Iowa. This bill updates new walk signs being used and defines the flashing yellow arrow.

Section 41 increases the number of days from 10 to 30 that a person can request a prorated **refund of aircraft registration fees** if an aircraft is dismantled, sold, or moved out-of-state.

Amendment Summary

H-8017 by Wolfe (D) – for a person convicted for a first violation of unlawfully passing a school bus, the driver may be required, in lieu of a driver’s license suspension, to attend at their own expense and successfully complete a driver improvement program approved by the DOT.

H-8032 by Moore (R) – the first, seventh, and eighth operations of the amendment allow for commercial vehicle brokering and consignment sales of heavy trucks.

The second and third operations of the amendment create a specific, enhanced fee dealer demonstration plate that would allow hauling a load or towing a trailer on a vehicle with that plate. Current law only allows such uses with a limited time permit.

The fourth and fifth operations of the amendment deals with new vehicle damage disclosure. Currently, the disclosure requirement is to list when the vehicle has been subject to any repairs of damage or replacements of parts if the actual cost of labor or parts exceeds 4% of the dealer’s adjusted cost. This bill would change the disclosure to instead reflect the “manufacturer’s suggested retail price.”

The sixth operation of the amendment eliminates the 5% fee on new registration on vehicles that are used primarily as a loaner vehicle.

H-8069 by Thomas (D) – allows for DOT Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy Fund (RISE) funds to be used for building infrastructure to housing developments.

H-8076 by Stutsman (D) – eliminates section 38, which allows for third party testers approved by the DOT to administer the test for a CDL. *This amendment will be withdrawn.*

H-8088 by Moore (R) – updates additional walk light definitions to reflect current practice and equipment.

H-8089 by Moore (R) – updates the report frequency for RUTF efficiency reports from a quarterly report to being required on an annual basis.

H-8107 by Stanerson (R) – requests a study and report due December 31, 2014 to identify intersections in Iowa where two highways with speed limits above 55 mph intersect.

H-8123 to H-8107 by Stanerson (R) – changes the report due date to October 1, 2014.

H-8108 by Stutsman (D) – amends section 38 to limit the type of third-party examiners allowed to administer the test for CDL licenses.