



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

BILL SUMMARY

MVE Officers HF 2416

Status of Bill: House Calendar

Committee: Transportation (18-0)

Research Analyst: Brian Guillaume; 515-281-5159;brian.guillaum@legis.iowa.gov

Lead Democrat: Rep R. Smith

Floor Manager: Rep Worthan

Background

Last session the Legislature passed a one year fix for clarification of duties of Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officers (MVE) in the Department of Transportation (DOT). Those power were set to sunset on July 1, 2018.

MVE officers are certified peace officers and trained at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Summary

The legislation limits what an MVE officer can do, by only being allowed to enforce laws of the state that are outlined in this legislation, instead of all law of the state.

The laws that MVE officers are allowed to enforce include the following:

- Enforcement of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and Federal Motor Carrier hazardous materials regulations
- Regulation of operating of motor carriers.
- Movement, safety, and lawful operation of commercial motor vehicles.
- Regulation of commercial vehicle operators and traffic/safety laws on operators of commercial motor vehicles.
- Enforcement and performance and other activities necessary for the motor carrier safety assistance program.
- Control and direction of traffic.
- Size, weight, and load of commercial vehicles and trailers.
- Speeding by non-commercial vehicles if they are traveling 15 mph over the speed limit.
- Rules and regulations of the DOT.
- Serious violations as defined in rules, these includes excess speeding, moving violation that resulted in death, written report by the arresting officer, prosecuting attorney, or court that the violation was unusually serious.

MVE officers are also not allowed to exercise any authority of enforcement of the above laws within the city limits of an any city unless ordered by the Governor, request of mayor and approved by the director of the DOT, request of sheriff or county attorney and approved by the director of the DOT, pursuit of law violators or investigating law violations, investigations and enforcement of law regarding narcotic, counterfeit, stimulant, and depressant drugs.

The DOT and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) are required to coordinate to provide and efficient enforcement of laws in the state, however MVE officers are still not allowed to do more enforcement than what is outlined in the legislation.