

IOWA STATUTES

TITLE VIII TRANSPORTATION

SUBTITLE 2

CHAPTER 321G

321G.1

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "All-terrain vehicle" means a motorized flotation-tire vehicle with not less than three low pressure tires, but not more than six low pressure tires, or a two-wheeled off-road motorcycle, that is limited in engine displacement to less than eight hundred cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than seven hundred fifty pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

Two-wheeled off-road motorcycles shall be considered all-terrain vehicles only for the purpose of titling and registration and not for purposes of regulation.

2. " 'A' scale" means the physical scale marked "A" graduated in decibels on a sound level meter which meets the requirements of the American national standards institute, incorporated, publication S1.4-1961, general purpose sound level meters.
3. "Commission" means the natural resource commission of the department.
4. "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles required to be registered under this chapter and who has an established place of business for that purpose in this state.
5. "Department" means the department of natural resources.
6. "Established place of business" means the place actually occupied either continuously or at regular periods by a dealer or manufacturer where the books and records are kept and the dealer's or manufacturer's business is primarily transacted.
7. "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of constructing or assembling all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles required to be registered under this chapter and who has an established place of business for that purpose in this state.
8. "Measurable snow" means one-tenth of one inch of snow.

9. "Nonambulatory person" means an individual with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually caused by disease of or injury to the spinal cord, or caused by the loss of both legs or the loss of a part of both legs.
10. "Operate" means to ride in or on, other than as a passenger, use, or control the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile in any manner, whether or not the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is moving.
11. "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.
12. "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, having the property right in or title to an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile subject to an interest in another person, reserved or created by agreement and securing payment or performance of an obligation, but the term excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security.
13. "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, and the state, its agencies, and political subdivisions.
14. "Public land" means land owned by the federal government, the state, or political subdivisions of the state and land acquired or developed for public recreation pursuant to section 321G.7.
15. "Railroad right-of-way" shall mean the full width of property owned, leased or subject to easement for railroad purposes and shall not be limited to those areas on which tracks are located.
16. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.
17. "Safety certificate" means an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile safety certificate issued by the commission to a qualified applicant who is twelve years of age or more.
18. "Snowmobile" means a motorized vehicle weighing less than one thousand pounds which uses sled-type runners or skis, endless belt-type tread, or any combination of runners, skis, or tread, and is designed for travel on snow or ice.
19. "Special event" means an organized race, exhibition, or demonstration of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule and in which general public interest is manifested.
20. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular travel, except in public

areas in which the boundary shall be thirty-three feet each side of the center line of the roadway.

321G.2

The commission may adopt rules for the following purposes:

1. Registration of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.
2. Use of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles as far as game and fish resources or habitats are affected.
3. Use of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on public lands under the jurisdiction of the commission.
4. Use of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on any waters of the state under the jurisdiction of the commission, while the waters are frozen.
5. Establish a program of grants, subgrants, and contracts to be administered by the department for the development and delivery of certified courses of instruction for the safe use and operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles by political subdivisions and incorporated private organizations.
6. Issuance of safety certificates.
7. Issuance of competition registrations and the participation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles so registered in special events.

The director of transportation may adopt rules not inconsistent with this chapter regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on streets and highways. Cities may designate streets under the jurisdiction of cities within their respective corporate limits which may be used for snowmobiling and the sport of driving all-terrain vehicles.

In adopting the rules, consideration shall be given to the need to protect the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare; to protect private property, public parks, and other public lands; to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat; and to promote uniformity of rules relating to the use, operation, and equipment of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The rules shall be in conformance with chapter 17A.

321G.3

Each all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile used on public land or ice of this state shall be currently registered and numbered. A person shall not operate, maintain, or give permission for the operation or maintenance of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile on public land or ice unless the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is numbered in accordance with this chapter, or in accordance with applicable federal laws, or in accordance with an approved numbering system of another state, and unless the identifying number set forth

in the registration is displayed on each side of the forward half of the snowmobile and on the rear fender of the all-terrain vehicle.

A registration number shall be assigned, without payment of fee, to all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles owned by the state of Iowa or its political subdivisions upon application for the number, and the assigned registration number shall be displayed on the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile as required under section 321G.5.

321G.4

The owner of each all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile required to be numbered shall register it every two years with the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides or, if the owner is a nonresident, the owner shall register it in the county in which the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is principally used. The commission has supervisory responsibility over the registration of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles and shall provide each county recorder with registration forms and certificates and shall allocate identification numbers to each county.

The owner of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall file an application for registration with the appropriate county recorder on forms provided by the commission. The application shall be completed and signed by the owner of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile and shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five dollars and a writing fee. An all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile shall not be registered by the county recorder until the county recorder is presented with receipts, bills of sale, or other satisfactory evidence that the sales or use tax has been paid for the purchase of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile or that the owner is exempt from paying the tax. However, an owner of an all-terrain vehicle, except an all-terrain vehicle purchased new on or after January 1, 1990, may apply for registration without proof of sales or use tax paid until one year after January 1, 1990. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile that has an expired registration certificate from another state may be registered in this state upon proper application, payment of all applicable registration and writing fees, and payment of a penalty of five dollars.

Upon receipt of the application in approved form accompanied by the required fees, the county recorder shall enter it upon the records and shall issue to the applicant a pocket-size registration certificate. The certificate shall be executed in triplicate, one copy to be delivered to the owner, one copy to the commission, and one copy to be retained on file by the county recorder. The registration certificate shall bear the number awarded to the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile and the name and address of the owner. The registration certificate shall be carried either in the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile or on the person of the operator of the machine when in use. The operator of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall exhibit the registration certificate to a peace officer upon request, to a person injured in an accident involving an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, or to the owner or operator of another all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile or the owner of personal or real property when the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is involved in a collision or accident of any nature with another all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile or the property of another person or to the property owner or tenant when the all-terrain vehicle or

snowmobile is being operated on private property without permission from the property owner or tenant.

If an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is placed in storage, the owner shall return the current registration certificate to the county recorder with an affidavit stating that the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is placed in storage and the effective date of storage. The county recorder shall notify the commission of each all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile placed in storage. When the owner of a stored all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile desires to renew the registration, the owner shall make application to the county recorder and pay the registration and writing fees without penalty. A refund of the registration fee shall not be allowed for a stored all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.

321G.5

The owner shall cause the identification number to be attached to each side of the forward half of a snowmobile and to the rear fender of an all-terrain vehicle in the manner prescribed by the rules of the commission. The identification number shall be maintained in legible condition at all times.

321G.6

Every all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile registration certificate and number issued expires at midnight December 31, and renewals expire every two years thereafter unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with this chapter. After the first day of September each even-numbered year, an unregistered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile and renewals may be registered for the subsequent biennium beginning January 1. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile registered between January 1 and September 1 of even-numbered years shall be registered for a fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents for the remainder of the registration period.

After the first day of September in even-numbered years an unregistered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile may be registered for the remainder of the current registration period and for the subsequent registration period in one transaction. The fee shall be five dollars for the remainder of the current period, in addition to the registration fee of twenty-five dollars for an all-terrain vehicle and twenty-five dollars for a snowmobile for the subsequent biennium beginning January 1, and a writing fee. Registration certificates and numbers may be renewed upon application of the owner in the same manner as provided in securing the original registration. The all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile registration fee is in lieu of personal property tax for each year of the registration.

An expired all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile registration may be renewed for the same fee as if the owner is securing the original registration plus a penalty of five dollars and a writing fee.

All all-terrain vehicles used on public land must be registered within six months following January 1, 1990, unless otherwise exempt.

When a person, after registering an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, moves from the address shown on the registration certificate, the person shall, within ten days, notify the county recorder in writing of the move and the person's new address.

Upon the transfer of ownership of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, the owner shall complete the form on the back of a current registration certificate and shall deliver it to the purchaser or transferee at the time of delivering the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile. If an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is stored by the transferor pursuant to section 321G.4 at the time of transfer, the transferor shall provide the transferee with a copy of the affidavit filed with the county recorder pursuant to section 321G.4 at the time of delivering the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile. The purchaser or transferee shall, within five days of transfer, file a new application form with the county recorder with a fee of one dollar and the writing fee, and a transfer of number shall be awarded in the same manner as provided in an original registration. If the purchaser or transferee does not file a new application form within five days of transfer, the transfer of number shall be awarded upon payment of all applicable fees plus a penalty of five dollars.

All registrations must be valid for the current registration period prior to the transfer of any registration, including assignment to a dealer.

Duplicate registrations may be issued upon application therefor and the payment of the same fees collected for the transfer of registrations.

A motorcycle, as defined in section 321.1, subsection 40, paragraph "a", may be registered as an all-terrain vehicle as provided in this section. A motorcycle registered as an all-terrain vehicle may participate in all programs established for all-terrain vehicles under this chapter except for the safety instruction and certification program.

321G.7

Within ten days after the end of each month, a county recorder shall remit to the commission the all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile fees collected by the recorder during the previous month. Before January 10 of odd-numbered years, a recorder shall remit unused license forms from the previous biennium to the commission.

The department shall remit the fees to the treasurer of state, who shall place the money in a special conservation fund. The money is appropriated to the department for the all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile programs of the state. All-terrain vehicle fees shall be used only for all-terrain vehicle programs and snowmobile fees shall be used only for snowmobile programs. Joint programs shall be supported from both types of fees on a usage basis. The all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile programs shall include grants, subgrants, contracts, or cost-sharing of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile programs with political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations or both in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. All all-terrain vehicle programs using cost-sharing, grants, subgrants, or contracts shall establish and implement a safety instruction program either singly or in cooperation with other all-terrain vehicle programs. At least fifty percent of the special fund shall be available for political subdivisions or incorporated

private organizations or both. Moneys from the special fund not used by the political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations or both shall remain in the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile accounts. The department may use funds from these accounts for the administration of the all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile programs.

321G.8

Registration shall not be required for the following described all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles:

1. All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles owned and used by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision of another state.
2. All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles registered in a country other than the United States used within this state for not more than twenty consecutive days.
3. All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles covered by a valid license of another state and which have not been within this state for more than twenty consecutive days.
4. All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles not registered or licensed in another state or country being used in this state while engaged in a special event and not remaining in the state for a period of more than ten days.
5. All-terrain vehicles used in accordance with section 321.234A.

321G.9

A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile upon roadways or highways, as defined in section 321.1, except as provided in section 321.234A and this chapter.

1. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall not be operated at any time within the right of way of any interstate highway or freeway within this state except under either of the following circumstances:
 - a. As provided in section 321.234A.
 - b. When using an underpass located on an interstate highway or freeway if all of the following apply:
 - (1) The underpass has been abandoned and is no longer being used by motor vehicles or trains.
 - (2) Use of the underpass is the only alternative to the use of a traveled roadway.
 - (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 321, use of the underpass does not conflict with any rules or regulations adopted by a federal governmental entity or this state or a political subdivision of this state.

2. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway provided:

- a. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and
- b. The all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway; and
- c. The driver yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard; and
- d. In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with another public street or highway.

3. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall not be operated on public highways:

- a. On the roadway portion of a highway and adjacent shoulder, or at least five feet on either side of the roadway, except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, and
- b. On limited access highways and approaches, and
- c. For racing any moving object, and
- d. Abreast with one or more other all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles on a city highway.

4. A registered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile may be operated under the following conditions:

- a. Upon city highways which have not been plowed during the snow season or on such highways as designated by the governing body of a municipality.
- b. On that portion of county roadways that have not been plowed during the snow season or not maintained or utilized for the operation of conventional two-wheel drive motor vehicles.
- c. On highways in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicles impractical.
- d. On the roadways of that portion of county highways designated by the county board of supervisors for such use during a specified period. The county board of supervisors shall evaluate the traffic conditions on all county highways and designate roadways on which all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles may be operated for the specified period without unduly interfering with or constituting an undue hazard to conventional motor vehicle traffic. Signs warning of the operation of all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles on the

roadway shall be placed and maintained on the portions of highway thus designated during the period specified for the operation.

e. On the roadway or shoulder when necessary to cross a bridge or culvert, or avoid an obstruction which makes it impossible to travel on the portion of the highway not intended for motor vehicles, if the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before entering onto the roadway or shoulder and the driver yields the right of way to any approaching vehicle on the roadway.

f. All-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on snowmobile trails except where designated by the controlling authority and the primary snowmobile trail sponsor.

g. Snowmobiles shall not be operated on all-terrain vehicle trails except where designated by the controlling authority and the primary all-terrain vehicle trail sponsor.

5. The headlight and taillight shall be lighted during the operation on a public highway at any time from sunset to sunrise, and at such other times when conditions such as fog, snow, sleet or rain provide insufficient lighting to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of five hundred feet ahead.

6. a. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall not be operated on or across a public highway by a person under sixteen years of age who does not have in the person's possession a safety certificate issued to the person pursuant to this chapter.

b. A person twelve to fifteen years of age and possessing a valid safety certificate must be under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or another adult authorized by the parent or guardian, who is experienced in all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile operation, and who possesses a valid driver's license as defined in section 321.1, or a safety certificate issued under this chapter.

7. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall not be operated within the right of way of a primary highway between the hours of sunset and sunrise except on the right-hand side of the right of way and in the same direction as the motor vehicular traffic on the nearest lane of traveled portion of the right of way

321G.10

If an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to two hundred dollars or more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify the county sheriff or another law enforcement agency in the state. The operator shall file with the commission a report of the accident, within forty-eight hours, containing information as the commission may require.

321G.11

An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall not be operated without suitable and effective muffling devices which limit engine noise to not more than eighty-six decibels as

measured on the "A" scale at a distance of fifty feet; and a snowmobile, manufactured after July 1, 1973, which is sold, offered for sale, or used in this state, except in an authorized special event, shall have a muffler system that limits engine noise to not more than eighty-two decibels as measured on the "A" scale at a distance of fifty feet.

The commission may adopt rules with respect to the inspection of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles and testing of their mufflers.

A separate placard shall be affixed, permanently and conspicuously, to any new snowmobile sold or offered for sale in this state that does not meet the muffler requirements as stated above. The placard shall designate each snowmobile which does not meet the muffler requirements.

A snowmobile manufactured after July 1, 1975, which is sold, offered for sale or used in this state, except in an authorized special event, shall have a muffler system that limits engine noise to not more than seventy-eight decibels as measured on the "A" scale at a distance of fifty feet.

321G.12

Every all-terrain vehicle operated during the hours of darkness shall display a lighted head lamp and tail lamp. Every snowmobile shall be equipped with at least one head lamp and one tail lamp. Every all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile shall be equipped with brakes.

321G.13

A person shall not drive or operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile:

1. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all existing circumstances.
2. In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto.
3. While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs.
4. Without a lighted headlight and taillight from sunset to sunrise and at such other times when conditions provide insufficient lighting to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of five hundred feet ahead.
5. In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.
6. On any public land, ice, or snow, in violation of official signs of the commission prohibiting such operation in the interest of safety for persons, property, or the environment. Any officer appointed by the commission may post an official sign in an emergency for the protection of persons, property, or the environment.

7. In or on any park or fish and game areas except on designated all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile trails.
8. Upon an operating railroad right-of-way. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile may be driven directly across a railroad right-of-way only at an established crossing and, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, may, if necessary, use the improved portion of the established crossing after yielding to all oncoming traffic. This subsection does not apply to a law enforcement officer or railroad employee in the lawful discharge of the officer's or employee's duties or to an employee of a utility with authority to enter upon the railroad right-of-way in the lawful performance of the employee's duties.
9. On any public road or street without a bright colored pennant or flag displayed at least sixty inches above the ground. Said pennant or flag shall be a minimum of six inches by nine inches, shall be orange and shall provide a fluorescent effect.
10. On public land without a measurable snow cover except as provided in section 321.234A or in specific areas permitted by the commission, such as "all-terrain vehicle parks" which are designated and intended for use with or without snow.
11. A person shall not operate or ride in an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile with a firearm in the person's possession unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case. However, a nonambulatory person may carry an uncased and unloaded firearm while operating or riding an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile.
12. A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle while carrying a passenger.

321G.14

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any regulation of the commission or director of transportation shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

Chapter 232 shall have no application in the prosecution of offenses which are committed in violation of this chapter, and which constitute simple misdemeanors.

321G.15

The commission shall furnish snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle dealers with pasteboard cards bearing the words "registration applied for" and space for the date of purchase. An unregistered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile sold by a dealer shall bear one of these cards which entitles the purchaser to operate it for ten days immediately following the purchase. The purchaser of a registered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile may operate it for ten days immediately following the purchase, without having completed a transfer of registration. A snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle dealer shall make application and pay all registration and title fees if applicable on behalf of the purchaser of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.

321G.16

The department may authorize the holding of organized special events as defined in this chapter within this state. The department shall adopt rules relating to the conduct of special events held under department permits and designating the equipment and facilities necessary for safe operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles or for the safety of operators, participants, and observers in the special events. A special event for all-terrain vehicles may include motorcycles upon payment of an entrance fee set by the organizer of the special event. The department may require that part of the motorcycle entrance fee be credited to pay costs of all-terrain vehicle programs authorized pursuant to section 321G.7. At least thirty days before the scheduled date of a special event in this state, an application shall be filed with the department for authorization to conduct the special event. The application shall set forth the date, time, and location of the proposed special event and any other information the department requires. The special event shall not be conducted without written authorization of the department. Copies of the rules shall be furnished by the department to any person making an application.

321G.17

A person, after having received a visual or audible signal from a peace officer to come to a stop, shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile in willful or wanton disregard of the signal or interfere with or endanger the officer or any other person or vehicle, or increase speed or attempt to flee or elude the officer.

321G.18

The owner and operator of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile are liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.

321G.19

1. The owner of a rented all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall keep a record of the name and address of each person renting the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, its identification number, the departure date and time, and the expected time of return. The records shall be preserved for six months.
2. The owner of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile operated for hire shall not permit the use or operation of a rented all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile unless it has been provided with all equipment required by this chapter or rules of the commission or the director of transportation, properly installed and in good working order.

321G.20

An owner or operator of a snowmobile shall not permit a person under twelve years of age to operate and a person less than twelve years of age shall not operate, a snowmobile except when accompanied on the same snowmobile by a responsible person of at least eighteen years of age who is experienced in snowmobile operation and who possesses a valid driver's license, as defined in section 321.1, or a safety certificate issued under this chapter.

A person under twelve years of age shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands unless the person is taking a prescribed safety training course under the direct supervision of a certified all-terrain vehicle safety instructor and a parent or guardian.

321G.21

1. A manufacturer, distributor, or dealer owning any all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile required to be registered under this chapter may operate the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile for purposes of transporting, testing, demonstrating, or selling it without the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile being registered, except that a special identification number issued to the owner as provided in this chapter shall be displayed on the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile. The special identification number shall not be used on an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile offered for hire or for any work or service performed by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.
2. Any manufacturer, distributor or dealer may, upon payment of a fee of fifteen dollars, make application to the commission, upon forms prescribed by the commission, for a special registration certificate containing a general identification number and for one or more duplicate special registration certificates. The applicant shall submit reasonable proof of the applicant's status as a bona fide manufacturer, distributor or dealer as may be required by the commission.
3. The commission, upon granting an application, shall issue to the applicant a special registration certificate containing the applicant's name and address, the general identification number assigned to the applicant, the word "manufacturer", "dealer", or "distributor", and other information the commission prescribes. The manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall have the assigned number printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs which may be temporarily but firmly mounted or attached to the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile being used. The display shall meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules of the commission.
4. The commission shall also issue duplicate special registration certificates which shall have displayed thereon the general identification number assigned to the applicant. Each duplicate registration certificate so issued shall contain a number or symbol identifying it from every other duplicate special registration certificate bearing the same general identification number. The fee for each additional duplicate special registration certificate shall be two dollars.
5. Each special registration certificate issued hereunder shall expire on December 31 of each year, and a new special registration certificate for the ensuing twelve months may be obtained upon application to the commission and payment of the fee provided by law.
6. Every manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall keep a written record of the all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles upon which special registration certificates are used, which record shall be open to inspection by any law enforcement officer or any officer or employee of the commission.

7. If a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer has an established place of business in more than one location, the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall secure a separate and distinct special registration certificate and general identification number for each place of business.

8. Dealers using special certificates under this chapter shall, before January 10 of each year, furnish the commission with a list of all used all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles held by them for sale or trade, and upon which the registration fee for the current year has not been paid, giving the previous registration number, name of previous owner at the time the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile was transferred to the dealer, and other information the commission requires.

9. If the purchaser or transferee of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is a dealer who holds the same for resale and operates the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile only for purposes incidental to a resale and displays the special dealer's certificate, or does not operate the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile or permit it to be operated, the transferee is not required to obtain a new registration certificate but upon transferring title or interest to another person shall sign the reverse side of the registration certificate of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile indicating the name and address of the new purchaser. The purchaser may take the registration certificate to the county recorder and file a new application form with a fee of one dollar for transfer and the writing fee. The recorder shall award a transfer of the registration number. If the registration has expired while in the dealer's possession, the purchaser may renew the registration for the same fee and writing fee as if the purchaser is securing the original registration.

10. When a dealer purchases or otherwise acquires an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile registered in this state, the dealer shall issue a signed receipt to the previous owner, indicating the date of purchase or acquisition, the name and address of the previous owner, and the registration number of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile purchased or acquired. The original receipt shall be delivered to the previous owner and one copy shall be mailed or delivered by the dealer to the county recorder of the county in which the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is registered, and one copy shall be delivered to the commission within forty-eight hours.

11. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a dealer from obtaining a new registration and transfer of registration in the same manner as other purchasers.

321G.22

The state, its political subdivisions, and the owners or tenants of property adjoining public lands or the right of way of a public highway and their agents and employees owe no duty of care to keep the public lands, ditches, or land contiguous to a highway or roadway under the control of the state or a political subdivision safe for entry or use by persons operating an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, or to give any warning of a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity on the premises to persons entering for such purposes, except in the case of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity. The state, its political subdivisions, and

the owners or tenants of property adjoining public lands or the right of way of a public highway, and their agents and employees are not liable for actions taken to allow or facilitate the use of public lands, ditches, or land contiguous to a highway or roadway except in the case of a willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity.

This section does not create a duty of care or ground of liability on behalf of the state, its political subdivisions, or the owners or tenants of property adjoining public lands or the right of way of a public highway and their agents and employees for injury to persons or property in the operation of all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles in a ditch or on land contiguous to a highway or roadway under the control of the state or a political subdivision. The state, its political subdivisions, and the owners or tenants of property adjoining public lands or the right of way of a public highway and their agents and employees are not liable for the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile in violation of this chapter.

321G.23

1. The commission shall provide, by rules adopted pursuant to section 321G.2, for the establishment of certified courses of instruction to be conducted throughout the state for the safe use and operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The curriculum shall include instruction in the lawful and safe use, operation, and equipping of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles consistent with this chapter and rules adopted by the commission and the director of transportation and other matters the commission deems pertinent for a qualified all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile operator.
2. The commission may certify any experienced, qualified operator to be an instructor of a class established under subsection 1. Each instructor shall be at least eighteen years of age.
3. Upon completion of the course of instruction, the commission shall provide for the administration of a written test to any student who wishes to qualify for a safety certificate.
4. The commission shall provide safety material relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles for the use of nonpublic or public elementary and secondary schools in this state.

321G.24

1. A person under eighteen years of age shall not operate a snowmobile on public land or land purchased with snowmobile registration funds in this state without obtaining a valid safety certificate issued by the department and having the certificate in the person's possession, unless the person is accompanied on the same snowmobile by a responsible person of at least eighteen years of age who is experienced in snowmobile operation and possesses a valid driver's license, as defined in section 321.1, or a safety certificate issued under this chapter. A person under eighteen years of age shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle on public land or land purchased with all-terrain vehicle registration funds in this

state without obtaining a valid safety certificate issued by the department and having the certificate in the person's possession.

2. Upon application and payment of a fee of three dollars, a qualified applicant shall be issued a safety certificate which is valid until the certificate is suspended or revoked for a violation of a provision of this chapter or a rule of the commission or the director of transportation. The application shall be made on forms issued by the commission and shall contain information as the commission may reasonably require.

3. Any person who is required to have a safety certificate under this chapter and who has completed a course of instruction established under section 321G.2, subsection 5, including the successful passage of an examination which includes a written test relating to such course of instruction, shall be considered qualified to apply for a safety certificate. The commission may waive the requirement of completing such course of instruction if such person successfully passes a written test based on such course of instruction.

4. The permit fees collected under this section shall be credited to the state conservation fund and shall be used for safety and educational programs.

5. A valid all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile safety certificate or license issued to a nonresident by a governmental authority of another state shall be considered a valid certificate or license in this state if the permit or license requirements of the governmental authority, excluding fees, are substantially the same as the requirements of this chapter as determined by the commission.

321G.25

A peace officer may stop and inspect an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile operated, parked, or stored on public streets, highways, public lands, or frozen waters of the state to determine if the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is registered, numbered, or equipped as required by this chapter and commission rules. The officer shall not inspect an area that is not essential to determine compliance with the requirements. If the officer determines that the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is not in compliance, the officer may issue a warning memorandum to the operator and forward a copy to the commission. The warning memorandum shall indicate the items found not in compliance and shall direct the owner or operator of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile to have the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile in compliance and return a copy of the warning memorandum with the proof of compliance to the commission within fourteen days. If the proof of compliance is not provided within fourteen days, the owner or operator is in violation of this chapter.

321G.26

A person who receives a warning memorandum for an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall stop using the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile as soon as possible and shall not operate it on public streets, highways, public lands, or frozen waters of the state until the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is in compliance.

321G.27

The county recorder shall collect a writing fee of one dollar for an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile registration.

321G.28

1. This chapter and other applicable laws of this state shall govern the operation, equipment, numbering, and all other matters relating to an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile when the all- terrain vehicle or snowmobile is operated or maintained in this state. However, this chapter does not prevent the adoption of an ordinance or local law relating to the operation of or equipment of all- terrain vehicles or snowmobiles. The ordinances or local laws are operative only so long as they are not inconsistent with this chapter or the rules adopted by the commission.

2. A subdivision of this state, after public notice by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the subdivision, may make formal application to the commission for special rules concerning the operation of all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles within the territorial limits of the subdivision and shall provide the commission with the reasons the special rules are necessary.

3. The commission, upon application by local authorities and in conformity with this chapter, may make special rules concerning the operation of all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles within the territorial limits of a subdivision of this state.

321G.29

1. The owner of a snowmobile acquired on or after January 1, 1998, or an all-terrain vehicle acquired on or after January 1, 2000, other than a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle used exclusively as a farm implement, shall apply to the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides for a certificate of title for the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle. The owner of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle used exclusively as a farm implement may obtain a certificate of title.

2. A certificate of title shall contain the information and shall be issued on a form the department prescribes.

3. An owner of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle shall apply to the county recorder for issuance of a certificate of title within thirty days after acquisition. The application shall be on forms the department prescribes and accompanied by the required fee. The application shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person who administers oaths, or shall include a certification signed in writing containing substantially the representation that statements made are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge, information, and belief, under penalty of perjury. The application shall contain the date of sale and gross price of the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle or the fair market value if no sale immediately preceded the transfer and any additional information the department requires. If the application is made for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle last previously registered or titled in another state or foreign country, the

application shall contain this information and any other information the department requires.

4. If a dealer buys or acquires a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle for resale, the dealer shall report the acquisition to the county recorder on forms provided by the department and may apply for and obtain a certificate of title as provided in this chapter. If a dealer buys or acquires a used snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle, the dealer may apply for a certificate of title in the dealer's name within fifteen days. If a dealer buys or acquires a new snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle for resale, the dealer may apply for a certificate of title in the dealer's name.

5. A manufacturer or dealer shall not transfer ownership of a new snowmobile or new all-terrain vehicle without supplying the transferee with the manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin signed by the manufacturer's or importer's authorized agent. The certificate shall contain information the department requires. The department may adopt rules providing for the issuance of a certificate of origin for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle by the department upon good cause shown by the owner.

6. A dealer transferring ownership of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle under this chapter shall assign the title to the new owner, or in the case of a new snowmobile or new all-terrain vehicle, assign the certificate of origin. Within fifteen days the dealer shall forward all moneys and applications to the county recorder.

7. The county recorder shall maintain a record of any certificate of title which the county recorder issues and shall keep each certificate of title on record until the certificate of title has been inactive for five years. When issuing a title for a new snowmobile or new all-terrain vehicle, the county recorder shall obtain and keep on file the certificate of origin.

8. Once titled, a person shall not sell or transfer ownership of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle without delivering to the purchaser or transferee a certificate of title with an assignment on it showing title in the purchaser or transferee. A person shall not purchase or otherwise acquire a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle without obtaining a certificate of title for it in that person's name.

9. The county recorder shall transmit a copy of the certificate of title to the department, which shall be the central repository of title information for snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

321G.30

1. The county recorder shall charge a ten dollar fee to issue a certificate of title, a transfer of title, a duplicate, or a corrected certificate of title.

2. If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated, destroyed, or becomes illegible, the first lienholder or, if there is none, the owner named in the certificate, as shown by the county recorder's records, shall within thirty days obtain a duplicate by applying to the county recorder. The applicant shall furnish information the department requires

concerning the original certificate and the circumstances of its loss, mutilation, or destruction. Mutilated or illegible certificates shall be returned to the department with the application for a duplicate.

3. The duplicate certificate of title shall be marked plainly "duplicate" across its face and mailed or delivered to the applicant.

4. If a lost or stolen original certificate of title for which a duplicate has been issued is recovered, the original shall be surrendered promptly to the department for cancellation.

5. Five dollars of the certificate of title fees collected under this section shall be remitted by the county recorder to the treasurer of state for deposit in the special conservation fund created under section 321G.7. The remaining five dollars shall be retained by the county and deposited into the general fund of the county.

321G.31

1. If ownership of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle is transferred by operation of law, such as by inheritance, order in bankruptcy, insolvency, replevin, or execution sale, the transferee, within thirty days after acquiring the right to possession of the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle, shall mail or deliver to the county recorder satisfactory proof of ownership as the county recorder requires, together with an application for a new certificate of title, and the required fee.

2. If a lienholder repossesses a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle by operation of law and holds it for resale, the lienholder shall secure a new certificate of title and shall pay the required fee.

321G.32

1. A security interest created in this state in a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle is not perfected until the security interest is noted on the certificate of title.

a. To perfect the security interest, an application for security interest must be presented along with the original title. The county recorder shall note the security interest on the face of the title and on the copy in the recorder's office.

b. The application fee for a security interest is ten dollars. Five dollars of the fee shall be credited to the special conservation fund created under section 321G.7. The remaining five dollars shall be retained by the county and deposited into the general fund of the county.

2. The certificate of title shall be presented to the county recorder when the application for security interest or for assignment of the security interest is presented and a new or endorsed certificate of title shall be issued to the secured party with the name and address of the secured party upon it.

3. The secured party shall present the certificate of title to the county recorder when a release statement is filed and a new or endorsed certificate shall be issued to the owner.

CHAPTER 321

321.1

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them.

1. "Agricultural hazardous material" means a hazardous material, other than hazardous waste, whose end use directly supports the production of an agricultural commodity, including, but not limited to, a fertilizer, pesticide, soil conditioner, or fuel. "Agricultural hazardous material" is limited to material in class 3, 8, or 9, division 2.1, 2.2, 5.1, or 6.1, or an ORM-D material as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 171.8.

1A. "Alcohol concentration" means the number of grams of alcohol per any of the following:

- a. One hundred milliliters of blood.
- b. Two hundred ten liters of breath.
- c. Sixty-seven milliliters of urine.

2. "Alcoholic beverage" includes alcohol, wine, spirits, beer, or any other beverage which contains ethyl alcohol and is fit for human consumption.

3. "Alley" means a thoroughfare laid out, established, and platted as such, by constituted authority.

4. "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed to travel on three or more wheels and designed primarily for off- road recreational use but not including farm tractors or equipment, construction equipment, forestry vehicles, or lawn and grounds maintenance vehicles.

5. "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle which is equipped with life support systems and used to transport sick and injured persons who require emergency medical care to medical facilities.

6. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances and emergency vehicles owned by the United States, this state or any subdivision of this state or any municipality of this state, and privately owned ambulances, and fire, rescue, or disaster vehicles as are designated or authorized by the director of transportation under section 321.451.

7. "Business district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway when fifty percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

8. "Chauffeur" means a person who operates a motor vehicle, including a school bus, in the transportation of persons for wages, compensation, or hire, or a person who operates a truck tractor, road tractor, or a motor truck which has a gross vehicle weight rating exceeding sixteen thousand pounds. A person is not a chauffeur when the operation of the motor vehicle, other than a truck tractor, by the owner or operator is occasional and merely incidental to the owner's or operator's principal business.

A person is not a chauffeur when the operation is by a volunteer fire fighter operating fire apparatus, or is by a volunteer ambulance or rescue squad attendant operating ambulance or rescue squad apparatus. If a volunteer fire fighter or ambulance or rescue squad operator receives nominal compensation not based upon the value of the services performed, the fire fighter or operator shall be considered to be receiving no compensation and classified as a volunteer.

If authorized to transport inmates, probationers, parolees, or work releasees by the director of the Iowa department of corrections or the director's designee, an employee of the Iowa department of corrections or a district department of correctional services is not a chauffeur when transporting the inmates, probationers, parolees, or work releasees.

A farmer or the farmer's hired help is not a chauffeur when operating a truck, other than a truck tractor, owned by the farmer and used exclusively in connection with the transportation of the farmer's own products or property.

If authorized to transport patients or clients by the director of the department of human services or the director's designee, an employee of the department of human services is not a chauffeur when transporting the patients or clients in an automobile.

A person is not a chauffeur when the operation is by a home care aide in the course of the home care aide's duties.

If authorized to transport students or clients by the superintendent of the Iowa braille and sight saving school or of the Iowa school for the deaf, or the superintendent's respective designee, an employee of the Iowa braille and sight saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf is not a chauffeur when transporting the students or clients.

9. "Combination" or "combination of vehicles" shall be construed to mean a group consisting of two or more motor vehicles, or a group consisting of a motor vehicle and one or more trailers, semitrailers or vehicles, which are coupled or fastened together for the purpose of being moved on the highways as a unit.

10. a. "Combined gross weight" means the gross weight of a combination of vehicles.

b. "Gross combination weight rating" means the combined gross vehicle weight ratings for each vehicle in a combination of vehicles. In the absence of a weight specified by the manufacturer for a towed vehicle, the gross vehicle weight rating of the towed vehicle is its gross weight.

11. For purposes of administering and enforcing the commercial driver's license provisions:

a. "Commercial driver" means the operator of a commercial motor vehicle.

b. "Commercial driver's license" means a driver's license valid for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

c. "Commercial driver's license information system" means the national information system established to serve as a clearinghouse for locating information related to the licensing and identification of commercial motor vehicle drivers.

d. "Commercial motor carrier" means a person responsible for the safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

e. "Commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport passengers or property if any of the following apply:

(1) The combination of vehicles has a gross combination weight rating of twenty-six thousand one or more pounds provided the towed vehicle or vehicles have a gross weight rating or gross combination weight rating of ten thousand one or more pounds.

(2) The motor vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one or more pounds.

(3) The motor vehicle is designed to transport sixteen or more persons, including the operator, or is of a size and design to transport sixteen or more persons, including the operator, but is redesigned or modified to transport less than sixteen persons with disabilities.

(4) The motor vehicle is used in the transportation of hazardous material of a type or quantity requiring vehicle placarding.

f. "Foreign jurisdiction" means a jurisdiction outside the fifty United States, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

g. "Nonresident commercial driver's license" means a commercial driver's license issued to a person who is not a resident of the United States or Canada.

h. "Tank vehicle" means a commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport liquid or gaseous materials within a tank having a rated capacity of one thousand one or more gallons that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis.

12. "Commercial vehicle" means a vehicle or combination of vehicles designed principally to transport passengers or property of any kind if any of the following apply:

a. The vehicle or any combination of vehicles has a gross weight or combined gross weight of ten thousand one or more pounds.

b. The vehicle or any combination of vehicles has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of ten thousand one or more pounds.

c. The vehicle is designed to transport sixteen or more persons, including the driver.

d. The vehicle is used in the transportation of hazardous material of a type or quantity requiring vehicle placarding.

13. "Component part" means any part of a vehicle, other than a tire, having a component part number.

14. "Component part number" means the vehicle identification derivative consisting of numerical and alphabetical designations affixed to a component part by the manufacturer or the department or affixed by, or caused to be affixed by, the owner pursuant to rules promulgated by the department as a means of identifying the component part.

15. "Conviction" means a final conviction or an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure a person's appearance in court.

15A. "Crane" means a machine for raising, shifting, and lowering heavy weights by means of a projecting swinging arm.

16. "Crosswalk" means that portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at intersections, or any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

17. "Dealer" means every person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging vehicles of a type required to be registered hereunder and who has an established place of business for such purpose in this state.

18. "Demolisher" means any agency or person whose business is to convert a vehicle to junk, processed scrap, or scrap metal, or otherwise to wreck or dismantle vehicles.

19. "Department" means the state department of transportation. "Commission" means the state transportation commission.

20. "Director" means the director of the state department of transportation or the director's designee.

20A. "Driver's license" means any license or permit issued to a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of this state, including but not limited to a temporary restricted or temporary license and an instruction, chauffeur's instruction, commercial driver's instruction, temporary restricted, or temporary permit.

For purposes of license suspension, revocation, bar, disqualification, cancellation, or denial under this chapter and chapters 321A, 321C, and 321J, "driver's license" includes any privilege to operate a motor vehicle.

21. "Endorsement" means an authorization to a person's driver's license required to permit the person to operate certain types of motor vehicles or to transport certain types or quantities of hazardous materials.

22. "Essential parts" mean all integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

23. "Established place of business" means the place actually occupied either continuously or at regular periods by a dealer or manufacturer where the dealer's or manufacturer's books and records are kept and a large share of the dealer's or manufacturer's business is transacted.

24. "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry.

24A. "Fence-line feeder" means a vehicle used exclusively for the mixing and dispensing of nutrients to bovine animals at a feedlot.

24B. "Financial liability coverage" means any of the following:

a. An owner's policy of liability insurance which is issued by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in Iowa to or for the benefit of the person named in the policy as insured, and insuring the person named as insured and any person using an insured motor vehicle with the express or implied permission of the named insured against loss from liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of an insured motor vehicle within the United States of America or Canada, but subject to minimum limits, exclusive of interest and costs, in the amounts specified in section 321A.21 or specified in another provision of the Code, whichever is greater.

b. A bond filed with the department pursuant to section 321A.24.

c. A valid certificate of deposit of money or security issued by the treasurer of state pursuant to section 321A.25.

d. A valid certificate of self-insurance issued by the department pursuant to section 321A.34.

25. "Fire vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is equipped with pumps, tanks, hoses, nozzles, ladders, generators, or other fire apparatus used to transport fire personnel, fight fires, and respond to emergencies.

26. "Foreign vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder brought into this state from another state, territory, or country other than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and not registered in this state.

27. The linear measure of the plot of ground upon which the building is located abutting upon the highway shall be deemed "frontage occupied by the building," and the phrase "frontage on such highway for a distance of three hundred feet or more" shall mean the total frontage on both sides of the highway for such distance.

28. "Garage" means every place of business where motor vehicles are received for housing, storage, or repair for compensation.

28A. "Grain cart" means a vehicle with a nonsteerable single or tandem axle designed to move grain.

29. a. "Gross weight" means the empty weight of a vehicle plus the maximum load to be carried by the vehicle. The maximum load to be carried by a passenger-carrying vehicle shall be determined by multiplying one hundred fifty pounds by the number of passenger seats carried by such vehicle.

b. "Unladen weight" means the weight of a vehicle or vehicle combination without load.

c. "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the weight specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.

30. "Guaranteed arrest bond certificate" means any printed, unexpired certificate issued by an automobile club or association to any of its members, or any printed, unexpired certificate issued by an insurance company authorized to write automobile liability insurance within this state, which said certificate is signed by such member or insured and contains a printed statement that such automobile club, association, or insurance company and a surety company which is doing business in this state under the provisions of section 515.48, subsection 2, guarantee the appearance of the person whose signature appears on the certificate and that they will, in the event of failure of such person to appear in court at the time of trial, pay any fine or forfeiture imposed on such person in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars. If such insurance company is itself qualified under the provisions of section 515.48, subsection 2, then it may be its own

surety. Bail in this form shall be subject to the forfeiture and enforcement provisions with respect to bail bonds in criminal cases as provided by law.

31. "Hazardous material" means a substance or material which has been determined by the United States secretary of transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce, and which has been so designated.

32. "Implement of husbandry" means a vehicle or special mobile equipment manufactured, designed, or reconstructed for agricultural purposes and, except for incidental uses, exclusively used in the conduct of agricultural operations. "Implements of husbandry" includes all-terrain vehicles operated in compliance with section 321.234A, fence-line feeders, and vehicles used exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic plant food materials, organic agricultural limestone, or agricultural chemicals. To be considered an implement of husbandry, a self-propelled implement of husbandry must be operated at speeds of thirty-five miles per hour or less. "Reconstructed" as used in this subsection means materially altered from the original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

A vehicle covered under this subsection, if it otherwise qualifies, may be operated as special mobile equipment and under such circumstances this subsection shall not be applicable to such vehicle, and such vehicle shall not be required to comply with sections 321.384 through 321.423, when such vehicle is moved during daylight hours; however, the provisions of section 321.383 shall remain applicable to such vehicle.

33. "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

34. "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which is divided into three or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

35. "Light delivery truck," "panel delivery truck" or "pickup" means any motor vehicle designed to carry merchandise or freight of any kind, not to exceed two thousand pounds.

36. "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the Constitution and laws of this state.

36A. "Manufactured housing" is a factory-built structure constructed under authority of 42 U.S.C. § 5403, which is required by federal law to display a seal from the United States department of housing and urban development, and was constructed on or after June 15, 1976.

37. "Manufacturer" means every person engaged in the business of fabricating or assembling vehicles of a type required to be registered. It does not include a person who converts, modifies, or alters a completed motor vehicle manufactured by another person. It includes a person who uses a completed motor vehicle manufactured by another person to construct a class "B" motor home as defined in section 321.124.

"Completed motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which does not require any additional manufacturing operations to perform its intended function except the addition of readily attachable equipment, components, or minor finishing operations.

"Final stage manufacturer" means a person who performs such manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle that it becomes a completed vehicle. A final stage manufacturer shall furnish to the department a document which identifies that the vehicle was incomplete prior to that manufacturing operation. The identification shall include the name of the incomplete vehicle manufacturer, the date of manufacture, and the vehicle identification number to ascertain that the document applies to a particular incomplete vehicle.

"Incomplete vehicle" means an assemblage, as a minimum, consisting of a frame and chassis structure, power train, steering system, suspension system, and braking system, to the extent that those systems are to be a part of the completed vehicle, that requires further manufacturing operations, other than the addition of readily attachable equipment, components, or minor finishing operations.

38. "Metal tire" means every tire the surface of which in contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, nonresilient material.

39. a. "Mobile home" means any vehicle without motive power used or so manufactured or constructed as to permit its being used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and so designed, constructed, or reconstructed as will permit the vehicle to be used as a place for human habitation by one or more persons.

b. "Travel trailer" means a vehicle without motive power used, manufactured, or constructed to permit its use as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and designed to permit its use as a place of human habitation by one or more persons. The vehicle may be up to eight feet six inches in width and its overall length shall not exceed forty feet. The vehicle shall be customarily or ordinarily used for vacation or recreational purposes and not used as a place of permanent habitation. If the vehicle is used in this state as a place of human habitation for more than ninety consecutive days in one location it shall be classed as a mobile home regardless of the size limitations provided in this paragraph.

c. "Fifth-wheel travel trailer" means a type of travel trailer which is towed by a pickup by a connecting device known as a fifth wheel. However, this type of travel trailer may have an overall length which shall not exceed forty feet.

d. "Motor home" means a motor vehicle designed as an integral unit to be used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and for use as a temporary or recreational dwelling and having at least four, two of which shall be systems specified in subparagraphs (1), (4), or (5) of this paragraph, of the following permanently installed systems which meet American national standards institute and national fire protection association standards in effect on the date of manufacture:

(1) Cooking facilities.

(2) Ice box or mechanical refrigerator.

(3) Potable water supply including plumbing and a sink with faucet either self-contained or with connections for an external source, or both.

(4) Self-contained toilet or a toilet connected to a plumbing system with connection for external water disposal, or both.

(5) Heating or air conditioning system or both, separate from the vehicle engine or the vehicle engine electrical system.

(6) A one hundred ten-one hundred fifteen volt alternating current electrical system separate from the vehicle engine electrical system either with its own power supply or with a connection for an external source, or both, or a liquefied petroleum system and supply.

40. a. "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground including a motor scooter but excluding a tractor and a motorized bicycle.

b. "Motorized bicycle" or "motor bicycle" means a motor vehicle having a saddle or a seat for the use of a rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, with an engine having a displacement no greater than fifty cubic centimeters and not capable of operating at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour on level ground unassisted by human power.

c. "Bicycle" means a device having two wheels and having at least one saddle or seat for the use of a rider which is propelled by human power.

41. "Motor truck" means every motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying livestock, merchandise, freight of any kind, or over nine persons as passengers.

42. a. "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle which is self-propelled, but not including vehicles known as trackless trolleys which are propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires and are not operated upon rails.

b. "Used motor vehicle" or "secondhand motor vehicle" or "used car" means a motor vehicle of a type subject to registration under the laws of this state which has been sold "at retail" as defined in chapter 322 and previously registered in this or any other state.

c. "New motor vehicle or new car" means a motor vehicle subject to registration which has not been sold "at retail" as defined in chapter 322.

d. "Car" or "automobile" means a motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying nine passengers or less, excluding motorcycles and motorized bicycles.

43. Reserved.

44. "Multipurpose vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed to carry not more than ten people, and constructed either on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operation.

45. "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this state.

46. "Official traffic-control devices" means all signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this chapter placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

47. "Official traffic-control signal" means any device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

48. "Operator" or "driver" means every person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon a highway.

49. "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle, or in the event a vehicle is the subject of a security agreement with an immediate right of possession vested in the debtor, then such debtor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this chapter.

50. "Peace officer" means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations in addition to its meaning in section 801.4.

51. "Pedestrian" means any person afoot.

52. "Person" means every natural person, firm, copartnership, association, or corporation. Where the term "person" is used in connection with the registration of a motor vehicle, it shall include any corporation, association, copartnership, company, firm, or other aggregation of individuals which owns or controls such motor vehicle as actual owner, or for the purpose of sale or for renting, whether as agent, salesperson, or otherwise.

53. "Pneumatic tire" means every tire in which compressed air is designed to support the load.

54. "Private road" or "driveway" means every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner but not by other persons.

54A. "Product identification number" or the acronym PIN means a group of unique numerical or alphabetical designations assigned to a complete fence-line feeder, grain cart, or tank wagon by the manufacturer or by the department and affixed to the vehicle, pursuant to rules adopted by the department, as a means of identifying the vehicle or the year of manufacture.

54B. "Proof of financial liability coverage card" means either a liability insurance card issued under section 321.20B, a bond insurance card issued under section 321A.24, a security insurance card issued under section 321A.25, or a self-insurance card issued under section 321A.34.

55. "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property upon cars operated upon stationary rails.

56. "Railroad corporation" means any corporation organized under the laws of this state or any other state for the purpose of operating the railroad within this state.

57. "Railroad sign" or "signal" means any sign, signal, or device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad tracks or the approach of a railroad train.

58. "Railroad train" means an engine or locomotive with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails.

59. "Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

60. "Registration year" means the period of twelve consecutive months beginning on the first day of the month following the month of the birth of the owner of the vehicle for vehicles registered by the county treasurer and the calendar year for vehicles registered by the department or motor trucks and truck tractors with a combined gross weight exceeding five tons which are registered by the county treasurer.

61. "Remanufactured vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered and having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least thirty thousand pounds that has been disassembled, resulting in the total separation of the major integral parts and which has been reassembled with those parts being replaced with new or rebuilt parts. In every

instance, a new diesel engine and all new tires shall be installed and shall carry manufacturers' warranties.

Every vehicle shall include, but not be limited to, new or rebuilt component parts consisting of steering gear, clutch, transmission, differential, engine radiator, engine fan hub, engine starter, alternator, air compressor, and cab. For purposes of this subsection, "rebuilt" means the replacement of any element of a component part which appears to limit the serviceability of the part. A minimum of twenty thousand dollars shall be expended on each vehicle and the expense must be verifiable by invoices, work orders, or other documentation as required by the department.

The department may establish equipment requirements and a vehicle inspection procedure for remanufactured vehicles. The department may establish a fee for the inspection of remanufactured vehicles not to exceed one hundred dollars for each vehicle inspected.

62. "Rescue vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is equipped with rescue, fire, or life support equipment used to assist and rescue persons in emergencies or support emergency personnel in the performance of their duties.

63. "Residence district" means the territory within a city contiguous to and including a highway, not comprising a business, suburban, or school district, where forty percent or more of the frontage on such highway for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

63A. "Retractable axle" means an axle designed with the capability of manipulation or adjustment of the weight on the axle.

64. "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the highway.

64A. "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

65. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

66. "Road work zone" means the portion of a highway which is identified by posted or moving signs as the site of construction, maintenance, survey, or utility work. The zone starts upon meeting the first sign identifying the zone and continues until a posted or moving sign indicates that the work zone has ended.

67. "Rural residence district" means an unincorporated area established by a county board of supervisors which is contiguous to and including a secondary highway, not comprising a business district, where forty percent or more of the frontage of the highway for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and

buildings in use for business. For purposes of this subsection, farm houses and farm buildings are not to be considered.

68. "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

68A. "Salvage pool" means the business of selling at auction wrecked or salvage vehicles, as defined in section 321.52.

69. "School bus" means every vehicle operated for the transportation of children to or from school, except vehicles which are:

- a. Privately owned and not operated for compensation;
- b. Used exclusively in the transportation of the children in the immediate family of the driver;
- c. Operated by a municipally or privately owned urban transit company or a regional transit system as defined in section 324A.1 for the transportation of children as part of or in addition to their regularly scheduled service; or
- d. Designed to carry not more than nine persons as passengers, either school owned or privately owned, which are used to transport pupils to activity events in which the pupils are participants or used to transport pupils to their homes in case of illness or other emergency situations. The vehicles operated under the provisions of this paragraph shall be operated by employees of the school district who are specifically approved by the local superintendent of schools for the assignment.

70. "School district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of two hundred feet in either direction from a schoolhouse in a city.

71. "Semitrailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

Wherever the word "trailer" is used in this chapter, same shall be construed to also include "semitrailer".

A "semitrailer" shall be considered in this chapter separately from its power unit.

72. "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

73. "Solid tire" means every tire of rubber or other resilient material which does not depend upon compressed air for the support of the load.

74. "Specially constructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not materially altered from its original construction.

75. "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved over the highways, including road construction or maintenance machinery and ditch-digging apparatus. This description does not exclude other vehicles which are within the general terms of this subsection.

76. "Special truck" means a motor truck or truck tractor not used for hire with a gross weight registration of six through thirty-two tons used by a person engaged in farming to transport commodities produced only by the owner, or to transport commodities purchased by the owner for use in the owner's own farming operation or occasional use for charitable purposes. "Special truck" also means a motor truck or truck tractor not used for hire with a gross weight registration of six through thirty-two tons used by a person engaged in farming who assists another person engaged in farming through an exchange of services. A "special truck" does not include a truck tractor operated more than fifteen thousand miles annually.

77. "Stinger-steered automobile transporter" means any vehicle combination designed and used specifically for the transport of assembled highway vehicles, recreational vehicles, or boats in which the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame located below and behind the rearmost axle of the power unit.

78. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic.

79. "Suburban district" means all other parts of a city not included in the business, school, or residence districts.

80. "Tandem axle" means any two or more consecutive axles whose centers are more than forty inches but not more than ninety-six inches apart.

80A. "Tank wagon" means a vehicle designed to carry liquid animal or human excrement.

81. "Through (or thru) highway" means every highway or portion thereof at the entrances to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways is required by law to stop before entering or crossing the same and when stop signs are erected as provided in this chapter or such entrances are controlled by a peace officer or traffic-control signal. The

term "arterial" is synonymous with "through" or "thru" when applied to highways of this state.

82. "Tourist attraction" means a business, activity, service, or site where a major portion of the product or service provided is tourist oriented.

83. "Tourist-oriented directional sign" means a sign providing identification and directional information for a tourist attraction.

84. "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

85. "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

86. "Trailer coach" means either a trailer or semitrailer designed for carrying persons.

87. "Transporter" means a person engaged in the business of delivering vehicles of a type required to be registered or titled in this state who has received authority to make delivery as specified by rules adopted by the department.

88. "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn.

89. "Used vehicle parts dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling bodies, parts of bodies, frames, or component parts of used vehicles subject to registration under this chapter.

90. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway. "Vehicle" does not include:

- a. Any device moved by human power.
- b. Any device used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- c. Any integral part of a truck tractor or road tractor which is mounted on the frame of the truck tractor or road tractor immediately behind the cab and which may be used to transport persons and property but which cannot be drawn upon the highway by the truck tractor or another motor vehicle.
- d. Any steering axle, dolly, auxiliary axle, or other integral part of another vehicle which in and of itself is incapable of commercially transporting any person or property but is used primarily to support another vehicle.

91. "Vehicle identification number" or the initials VIN mean the numerical and alphabetical designations affixed to a vehicle or a component part of a vehicle by the manufacturer or the department or affixed by, or caused to be affixed by, the owner pursuant to rules promulgated by the department as a means of identifying the vehicle.

92. "Vehicle rebuilder" means a person engaged in the business of rebuilding or restoring to operating condition vehicles subject to registration under this chapter, which have been damaged or wrecked.

93. "Vehicle salvager" means a person engaged in the business of scrapping vehicles, dismantling or storing wrecked or damaged vehicles or selling reusable parts of vehicles or storing vehicles not currently registered which vehicles are subject to registration under this chapter.

94. "Where a vehicle is kept" shall refer to the county of residence of the owner or to the county where the vehicle is mainly kept if said owner is a nonresident of the state.

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All-terrain vehicles shall be operated on a highway only between sunrise and sunset and only when the operation on the highway is incidental to the vehicle's use for agricultural purposes. A person operating an all-terrain vehicle on a highway shall have a valid driver's license and the vehicle shall be operated at speeds of thirty-five miles per hour or less. When operated on a highway, an all-terrain vehicle shall have a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above the ground attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square inches, be Day-Glo in color, and shall be in lieu of the reflective equipment required by section 321.383.

TITLE XI CHAPTER 462A

462A.34A

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person shall not operate a motor vehicle in any of the following:
 - a. Any portion of a meandered stream.
 - b. Any portion of the bed of a nonmeandered stream which has been identified as a navigable stream or river by rule adopted by the department and which is covered by water.
 - c. Any portion of a stream identified as a trout stream by the department.
2. This section does not prohibit the use of ford crossings of public or private roads or any other ford crossing when used for agricultural purposes, the operation of construction

vehicles engaged in lawful construction, repair, or maintenance in a streambed, or the operation of motor vehicles on ice.

3. The department of natural resources shall adopt rules identifying the navigable streams and rivers in which a motor vehicle may be operated. The department may exempt participants of organized special events from this section where the organized special event is approved by a state or local authority.

4. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in section 321.1, subsection 42.