

# Legislative Newsletter

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In Week 13, the Senate passed **Senate File 2383** (formerly Senate File 2361), the Governor's regulatory proposal bill. It was amended by striking Divisions I and X.

**Inspections:** Prohibits cities and counties from requiring inspections of manufactured homes that have been inspected and built in accordance with federal regulations. **This was Division I that was struck.**

**Health Loan Repayment:** Includes neurology students in various student loan repayment programs. Strikes requirements for residency programs to be based in Iowa. Increases the number of loan agreements the CSC can enter into if funds are available. Allows for the part-time practice of medicine in Iowa under these programs. Includes community colleges as eligible institutions and ARNPs as health care providers.

**Insurance:** Requires the Insurance Commissioner to issue a temporary insurance producer license if the applicant meets the requirements, pending the background checks.

The Senate passed SF 2383 unanimously and sent it to the House.

The House Ways & Means Committee has approved a similar bill, **House File 2569**. Most of the provisions are expected to have no fiscal impact or the fiscal impact is unknown. The provisions on hunting and fishing licenses are expected to reduce revenues to the Fish & Wildlife Fund by about \$890,000. The changes to driver's licenses are expected to reduce fees to the Statutory Allocations fund by \$245,000. The changes to parking fees are expected to reduce parking fee revenue for cities and counties.

**In House committee action,** the House Ways & Means Committee passed **Senate File 2376** (24-1), the all systems weight permit bill. This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue an annual all systems permit for overweight vehicles (not exceeding

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90,000 pounds). Sets the fee at \$500, with \$375 earmarked for the county secondary road funds.

An amendment for the House floor was filed Wednesday, which proposes that starting in 2025, every county shall authorize vehicles issued a permit under section 321E.8 to operate on certain secondary roads and indicate to the DOT writing, including by means of electronic communication, those secondary roads for which a permit under the same section is not valid.

## **In House floor action this week, lawmakers sent the following bills to the Governor:**

**Senate File 2323:** This bill requires the Dept. Natural Resources to update its inventory of DNR land on the internet within 60 days of acquiring new land or an interest in land. County conservation boards must submit information in a manner determined by the DNR. The Senate passed this bill unanimously and the House passed it 85-12.

**Senate File 2366:** This bill deems the special valuation taxation of wind energy property is in lieu of other taxation and continues until the 19th assessment year, if that ordinance should be repealed. This bill received overwhelming bipartisan support across the board: unanimous passage in the Senate and 91-5 in the House.

**House File 736:** This bill pertained to Medicaid overpayments. The Senate had adopted a strike-and-replace amendment allowing a provider to recoup Medicaid payments using state only funds if a patient was not eligible but the provider verified and documented eligibility using approved procedures. The House unanimously ratified this amended version.

**House File 2154:** This bill strikes language that the records of a pension system that have information on members and beneficiaries are not public records and deems records with social security numbers, addresses, balances or payments or information on investments as not public records. The Senate had adopted a technical corrections bill, which the House unanimously concurred with.

**Across the rotunda in the Senate, lawmakers returned a bill to the House** after amending it on the Senate floor. This bill originally deemed a bar (defined as a licensed premises not including food establishments) as a public nuisance if on three days in the previous year, guns have been unlawfully fired or persons have assaulted other persons or rioted. An adopted strike-

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and-replace amendment completely changed the bill with new provisions on abating nuisances. The Senate passed this new amended version unanimously and returned it to the House for concurrence.

Legislators passed **House Study Bill 552** (the sales tax matters bill). This bill allows for the combined sales/use tax receipts, makes filings for the sales tax monthly but allows a person who collects less than \$1,200 to file annually, and makes changes to terminology and other administrative sales tax matters.

**LOST/SAVE:** Requires the amounts owed to local governments and schools to be transferred to the governments or schools from the Dept. of Revenue. Includes a transition period.

**Certified Services:** Deems that a seller who contracts with a certified service provider is not liable for the sales tax on the transactions of the service provider. Makes the certified service provider liable.

**Permits:** Allows the DOR to cancel certain permits if the permits are not being used.

**EDA:** Makes changes related to EDA sales tax incentives related to completion dates, audits, criminal penalties for false claims and other matters.

**Fuel:** Allows the DOR to require retailers to file fuel reports electronically.

The committee passed the amended version of the bill 15-9 and it is renumbered as House File 2583.

The Committee also passed **Senate File 2374** (the alcohol licenses bill). This bill passed unanimously.

**Licenses:** Changes liquor control licenses to retail alcohol licenses. Makes changes to the designations for various licenses and makes changes to the powers of the new licenses and makes conforming changes and changes fees.

**Other:** Requires that the delivery of alcohol by retailers be completed on the same day the alcohol is removed from the premises. Authorizes keg ID labels instead of stickers. Makes changes to charity licenses. Most provisions effective January 2023.

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