

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 335	House Committee:	PASSED 21-0 (3/1/2023)
Committee:	Transportation	House Floor:	PASSED 96-0 (3/9/2023)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Derek Wulf	Senate Floor:	PASSED 50-0 (4/19/2023)
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Expanding Use of Restricted CDL for Agricultural Purposes

- House File 335 would give the Department of Transportation the ability to issue restricted Commercial Driver's Licenses to a larger number of people to assist with seasonal ag needs.
- Federal law allows states to adopt exemptions from CDL requirements for certain positions (custom harvesters and farm retail outlets/suppliers). Iowa has not implemented these exemptions.
- Restricted CDL's do not require a knowledge or skills test, but are valid for 210 days and within 150 miles of the farm being serviced.
- Taking advantage of these exemptions would be beneficial to Iowa's agricultural industry during planting and harvest seasons.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code section 321.176A (6)):

The section amends current Iowa Code by striking and replacing the section to provide that the Department of Transportation to issue a restricted Commercial Driver's License to a person employed in a qualifying farm-related service if they meet the requirements for a restricted CDL set in federal law.

The section allows a person with a restricted CDL to operate a commercial vehicle to the fullest extent allowed under federal law.

The section gives the Department of Transportation authority to write administrative rules to implement this provision.