

# House File 2100 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act prohibiting the use of a language other than English for
- 2 commercial driver's license examinations.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 1.18, subsection 5, paragraph i, Code  
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 i. Any oral or written communications, examinations, or  
4 publications, other than examinations for a commercial driver's  
5 license, produced or utilized by a driver's license station,  
6 provided public safety is not jeopardized.

7 Sec. 2. Section 321.187, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 1. The department shall examine applicants for driver's  
10 licenses. The department, a third-party test examiner, or a  
11 third-party tester shall not use a language other than English  
12 to examine an applicant for a commercial driver's license.  
13 Examiners of the department shall wear an identifying badge and  
14 uniform provided by the department.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Under current law, the English language is the official  
19 language of the state of Iowa. All official documents,  
20 regulations, orders, transactions, proceedings, programs,  
21 meetings, publications, or actions taken or issued, which are  
22 conducted or regulated by, or on behalf of, or representing  
23 Iowa and all of its political subdivisions are required to  
24 be in the English language. However, there are exceptions to  
25 this requirement, including communications, examinations, and  
26 publications produced or utilized by driver's license stations.

27 This bill provides that the driver's license examination  
28 exception does not apply to commercial driver's license (CDL)  
29 examinations. The bill also prohibits the department of  
30 transportation or designated third parties from using a language  
31 other than English to examine an applicant for a CDL.