

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:

unofficial

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.

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.