

## Wholesaler License Changes, 2000

As the Iowa Legislature wrapped-up its business for the 2000 session, several important bills became law. Here's a look at some with repercussions for the equipment industry.

**SF2147: TRANSPORTATION OMNIBUS** - Makes numerous changes to transportation law, including Vehicle Titles & Registrations: Extends time to apply for licenses and registration to 30 days. Requires a title applicant to have an Iowa driver's license and that at least one applicant be more than 18 years old. Allows for up to three liens on a title and allows any county to note on the title the release of a lien. Allows a registration to be revoked for a bad check. Strikes the registration fee for certain farm trailers; imposes a \$10 fee on all other trailers. Allows three owners to be listed on a title. Authorizes replacement copies instead of duplicate copies of lost titles. Allows manufacturers to file weight and list price information electronically. Makes language corrections. Vehicle Widths: Allows all vehicles a width of 8-1/2 feet. Makes the maximum length of a semi-trailer for hauling construction equipment 57 feet. Revises the fine schedule for overweight vehicles. Dealers/Wholesalers: Gives the holders of various vehicle licenses one month after the expiration of the vehicle to renew it. Provides that anyone who fails to renew within 30 days of plate expiration must file a new license application. Strikes the requirement that a wholesaler have an authorization from the manufacturer to get dealer plates. Motor Carriers: Conforms Iowa Code with federal law. Prohibits charter carriers from acting as regular-route carriers.

- The following language of the Iowa Code was removed, which makes the wholesaler law work for us: (A dealer licensed as a wholesaler for a new motor vehicle model pursuant to chapter 322, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of valid written authorization from the manufacturer of the new motor vehicle of the dealer's status as a wholesaler of the new motor vehicle model.)
- The following section of Iowa law is beneficial to our dealers who do modification as listed in this section: Sec. 22. Section 322. 29, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph: NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH: Upon payment of the license fee as provided in this section, a person who installs cranes, hook loaders, buckets, aerial ladders, or tanks on new completed motor trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of nineteen thousand pounds or more may be issued a license as a wholesaler of new motor vehicle of the make and model on which the equipment is installed without written authorization from the manufacturer. The Governor has signed this bill.