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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to drivers' licenses; requiring full head and face be shown on driver's
1.3 license and identification card; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
1.4 171.07, subdivisions 1, 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 13.6905,
1.5 subdivision 8; 171.071, subdivision 1.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **License; contents.** (a) Upon the payment of the required fee, the
1.9 department shall issue to every qualifying applicant a license designating the type or class
1.10 of vehicles the applicant is authorized to drive as applied for. This license must bear a
1.11 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; the licensee's full name and date of birth;
1.12 either (1) the licensee's residence address, or (2) the designated address under section
1.13 5B.05; a description of the licensee in a manner as the commissioner deems necessary; and
1.14 the usual signature of the licensee. No license is valid unless it bears the usual signature of
1.15 the licensee. Every license must bear a colored photograph or an electronically produced
1.16 image of the licensee that shows the full head and face of the person.

1.17 (b) If the United States Postal Service will not deliver mail to the applicant's
1.18 residence address as listed on the license, then the applicant shall provide verification from
1.19 the United States Postal Service that mail will not be delivered to the applicant's residence
1.20 address and that mail will be delivered to a specified alternate mailing address. When an
1.21 applicant provides an alternate mailing address under this subdivision, the commissioner
1.22 shall use the alternate mailing address in lieu of the applicant's residence address for
1.23 all notices and mailings to the applicant.

1.24 (c) Every license issued to an applicant under the age of 21 must be of a
1.25 distinguishing color and plainly marked "Under-21."

2.1 (d) The department shall use processes in issuing a license that prohibit, as nearly as
2.2 possible, the ability to alter or reproduce a license, or prohibit the ability to superimpose a
2.3 photograph or electronically produced image on a license, without ready detection.

2.4 (e) A license issued to an applicant age 65 or over must be plainly marked "senior" if
2.5 requested by the applicant.

2.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 3. **Identification card; fee.** (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the
2.8 department shall issue to every qualifying applicant a Minnesota identification card. The
2.9 department may not issue a Minnesota identification card to an individual who has a
2.10 driver's license, other than a limited license. The card must bear a distinguishing number
2.11 assigned to the applicant; a colored photograph or an electronically produced image of
2.12 the applicant that shows the full head and face of the person; the applicant's full name
2.13 and date of birth; either (1) the licensee's residence address, or (2) the designated address
2.14 under section 5B.05; a description of the applicant in the manner as the commissioner
2.15 deems necessary; and the usual signature of the applicant.

2.16 (b) If the United States Postal Service will not deliver mail to the applicant's
2.17 residence address as listed on the Minnesota identification card, then the applicant shall
2.18 provide verification from the United States Postal Service that mail will not be delivered
2.19 to the applicant's residence address and that mail will be delivered to a specified alternate
2.20 mailing address. When an applicant provides an alternate mailing address under this
2.21 subdivision, the commissioner shall use the alternate mailing address in lieu of the
2.22 applicant's residence address for all notices and mailings to the applicant.

2.23 (c) Each identification card issued to an applicant under the age of 21 must be of a
2.24 distinguishing color and plainly marked "Under-21."

2.25 (d) Each Minnesota identification card must be plainly marked "Minnesota
2.26 identification card - not a driver's license."

2.27 (e) The fee for a Minnesota identification card is 50 cents when issued to a person
2.28 who is developmentally disabled, as defined in section 252A.02, subdivision 2; a
2.29 physically disabled person, as defined in section 169.345, subdivision 2; or, a person with
2.30 mental illness, as described in section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c).

2.31 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.32 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 13.6905, subdivision 8; and 171.071, subdivision
2.33 1, are repealed.

APPENDIX

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 09-0592

13.6905 PUBLIC SAFETY DATA CODED ELSEWHERE.

Subd. 8. **Driver's license photograph; exceptions.** Allowing headwear in a driver's license photograph or allowing driver's license identification other than a photograph, under certain circumstances, are governed under section 171.071.

171.071 PHOTOGRAPH ON LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

Subdivision 1. **Religious objection.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 171.07, the commissioner of public safety may adopt rules to permit identification on a driver's license or Minnesota identification card in lieu of a photograph or electronically produced image where the commissioner finds that the licensee has religious objections to the use of a photograph or electronically produced image.