

State of South Dakota

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SENATE BILL NO. 136

Introduced by: Senators Nesiba, Frerichs, Heinert, Kennedy, and Killer and Representatives Ahlers, Bartling, Hawley, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Ring, Smith, and Wismer

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize other languages to be used in the process of
2 issuing certain driver licenses and permits.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 1-27-22 be amended to read:

5 1-27-22. The provisions of §§ 1-27-20 to 1-27-25, inclusive, do not apply:

6 (1) To instruction in foreign language courses;

7 (2) To instruction designed to aid students with limited English proficiency in a timely
8 transition and integration into the general education system;

9 (3) To the application and examination process for any noncommercial driver license or
10 permit;

11 (4) To the conduct of international commerce, tourism, and sporting events;

12 ~~(4)~~(5) When deemed to interfere with needs of the justice system;

13 ~~(5)~~(6) When the public safety, health, or emergency services require the use of other
14 languages; and

15 ~~(6)~~(7) When expert testimony, witnesses, or speakers require a language other than the



1 common language. However, for purposes of deliberation, decision making, or record
2 keeping, the official version of such testimony or commentary shall be the officially
3 translated English language version.

4 Section 2. That chapter 1-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 Nothing in this chapter prevents the Department of Public Safety from offering any driver
6 license and permit application and examination material or conducting any examination in a
7 language other than English. This Act does not require the department to offer any driver license
8 and permit application and examination material or conduct any examination in a language other
9 than English.