



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 193

Introduced by: **Senator Smith**

1 **An Act to allow an applicant to have an interpreter present during the written and**
 2 **driving portions of a driver license exam.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 32-12-126 be AMENDED:**

5 **32-12-126.** For noncommercial driver licenses and permits, the Department of
 6 Public Safety shall:

- 7 (1) Provide the applications in Spanish and English;
 8 (2) Provide the examination materials in Spanish and English; ~~and~~
 9 (3) Allow an applicant to take the written knowledge test in Spanish or English; and
 10 (4) Allow an applicant who is a native speaker of any language other than English to
 11 bring an interpreter to translate the written knowledge exam while the applicant is
 12 testing, provided the applicant is solely responsible for recruiting the interpreter
 13 and paying the interpreter's fees.

14 Any instructions given to the applicant during the driving test must be administered
 15 in English. An applicant may bring an interpreter along during the driving test, provided
 16 the applicant is solely responsible for recruiting the interpreter and paying the interpreter's
 17 fees.