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H. F. No. **4097**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
04/28/2020 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; governing road examinations for a driver's license;
- 1.3 establishing a fee; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
- 1.4 Statutes 2018, section 171.13, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.13, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 7. **Repeat Examination fee fees.** (a) A fee of \$10 must be paid by an individual
- 1.8 to take a third and any subsequent knowledge test administered by the department if the
- 1.9 individual has failed two previous consecutive knowledge tests on the subject.
- 1.10 (b) A fee of \$20 must be paid by an individual to take a third and any subsequent skills
- 1.11 or road test administered by the department if the individual has previously failed two
- 1.12 consecutive skill or road tests in a specified class of motor vehicle.
- 1.13 (c) A fee of \$20 must be paid by an individual who fails to appear for a scheduled skills
- 1.14 or road test, or who cancels a skills or road test within 24 hours of the appointment time.
- 1.15 (d) All fees received under this subdivision must be paid into the state treasury and
- 1.16 credited to the driver services operating account in the special revenue fund specified under
- 1.17 section 299A.705.
- 1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 8. Examination scheduling. The commissioner must not schedule or reserve
2.4 recurring time with a public, private, or commercial driver education program for purposes
2.5 of administering skills or road tests to a class D license applicant.

2.6 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.7 Sec. 3. DRIVER'S ROAD TEST EVALUATION.

2.8 (a) By February 1, 2021, the commissioner of public safety must submit a report on
2.9 driver's license road tests to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative
2.10 committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

2.11 (b) At a minimum, the report must:

2.12 (1) provide an overview of road exam administration and requirements;

2.13 (2) summarize issues related to timely scheduling and administration of road tests;

2.14 (3) identify and analyze the primary factors that impact road test success rates, which
2.15 must include information on:

2.16 (i) contributing sources or causes;

2.17 (ii) any barriers to effective road test preparation; and

2.18 (iii) disparities or inconsistencies across driver education status of applicants, exam
2.19 locations, demographic populations, and driver training schools;

2.20 (4) evaluate the number and geographic locations of road test locations;

2.21 (5) identify and evaluate methods to reduce road test failure rates, including examination
2.22 of:

2.23 (i) driver education requirements for individuals who are 18 or more years of age;

2.24 (ii) incentives for increased road test preparedness among individuals who are 18 or
2.25 more years of age; and

2.26 (iii) modifications to driver education curriculum or requirements in preparing students
2.27 for the road test;

2.28 (6) identify and evaluate methods to reduce no-show rates for the road test;

2.29 (7) review administrative actions taken and planned by the department to improve road
2.30 exam scheduling, promote operational efficiency, and reduce road exam failure rates;

3.1 (8) propose an optimized configuration for road test administration;

3.2 (9) estimate operational and fiscal resources needed for each proposed or recommended
3.3 option; and

3.4 (10) make recommendations for legislative changes, if any.

3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.6 Sec. 4. **EXAMINATION FEES; APPROPRIATION.**

3.7 \$24,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
3.8 of public safety to implement the requirements of section 1. This is a onetime appropriation
3.9 and is available until June 30, 2021.

3.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.