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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to corrections; requiring that certain information, assistance, services, and

1.3 medications be provided to inmates upon release from prison; providing

1.4 identification cards for released inmates; requiring a homelessness mitigation plan

1.5 and annual reporting on information relating to homelessness; amending Minnesota

1.6 Statutes 2020, section 171.06, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in

1.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 171.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 3. **Contents of application; other information.** (a) An application must:

1.11 (1) state the full name, date of birth, sex, and either (i) the residence address of the

1.12 applicant, or (ii) designated address under section 5B.05;

1.13 (2) as may be required by the commissioner, contain a description of the applicant and

1.14 any other facts pertaining to the applicant, the applicant's driving privileges, and the

1.15 applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle with safety;

1.16 (3) state:

1.17 (i) the applicant's Social Security number; or

1.18 (ii) if the applicant does not have a Social Security number and is applying for a

1.19 Minnesota identification card, instruction permit, or class D provisional or driver's license,

1.20 that the applicant certifies that the applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number;

1.21 (4) contain a notification to the applicant of the availability of a living will/health care

1.22 directive designation on the license under section 171.07, subdivision 7; and

2.1 (5) include a method for the applicant to:

2.2 (i) request a veteran designation on the license under section 171.07, subdivision 15,
2.3 and the driving record under section 171.12, subdivision 5a;

2.4 (ii) indicate a desire to make an anatomical gift under paragraph (d);

2.5 (iii) as applicable, designate document retention as provided under section 171.12,
2.6 subdivision 3c; and

2.7 (iv) indicate emergency contacts as provided under section 171.12, subdivision 5b.

2.8 (b) Applications must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence demonstrating:

2.9 (1) identity, date of birth, and any legal name change if applicable; and

2.10 (2) for driver's licenses and Minnesota identification cards that meet all requirements of
2.11 the REAL ID Act:

2.12 (i) principal residence address in Minnesota, including application for a change of address,
2.13 unless the applicant provides a designated address under section 5B.05;

2.14 (ii) Social Security number, or related documentation as applicable; and

2.15 (iii) lawful status, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 6, section 37.3.

2.16 (c) An application for an enhanced driver's license or enhanced identification card must
2.17 be accompanied by:

2.18 (1) satisfactory evidence demonstrating the applicant's full legal name and United States
2.19 citizenship; and

2.20 (2) a photographic identity document.

2.21 (d) A valid Department of Corrections or Federal Bureau of Prisons identification card,
2.22 containing the applicant's full name, date of birth, and photograph issued to the applicant
2.23 is an acceptable form of proof of identity in an application for an identification card,
2.24 instruction permit, or driver's license as a secondary document for purposes of Minnesota
2.25 Rules, part 7410.0400, and successor rules.

2.26 **Sec. 2. [241.067] RELEASE OF INMATES; DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.**

2.27 Subdivision 1. **Duties upon release.** When releasing an inmate from prison, the
2.28 commissioner shall:

2.29 (1) provide the inmate with a copy of the inmate's unofficial criminal history compiled
2.30 by the department and marked as unofficial;

3.1 (2) provide information to the inmate on how to obtain the inmate's full official criminal
3.2 history from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension;

3.3 (3) provide general information to the inmate describing the laws and processes for
3.4 obtaining an expungement of the inmate's criminal record;

3.5 (4) provide general information on the inmate's right to vote;

3.6 (5) provide the inmate with current information on local career workforce centers in the
3.7 county in which the inmate will reside and, upon the inmate's request, other counties;

3.8 (6) provide the inmate with a record of the programs that the inmate completed while
3.9 in prison;

3.10 (7) provide the inmate with an accounting of any court-ordered payments, fines, and
3.11 fees owed by the inmate upon release of which the department has knowledge;

3.12 (8) provide assistance to the inmate in obtaining a Social Security card;

3.13 (9) provide the inmate with a medical discharge summary;

3.14 (10) provide the inmate with information on how the inmate may obtain a complete copy
3.15 of the inmate's medical record at no charge to the inmate; and

3.16 (11) provide the inmate with general information on the Supplemental Nutrition
3.17 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, eligibility criteria, and application process.

3.18 Subd. 2. **Assistance relating to birth certificate and identification cards.** (a) Upon
3.19 the request of an inmate, the commissioner shall assist the inmate in obtaining a copy of
3.20 the inmate's birth certificate at no cost to the inmate. This assistance applies only to inmates
3.21 who (1) upon intake have six months or more remaining in their term of imprisonment, (2)
3.22 do not already have an accessible copy of their birth certificate available or other valid
3.23 identification, or (3) do not already have a valid photograph on file with the Department of
3.24 Public Safety that may be used as proof of identity for renewing an identification document.

3.25 (b) The commissioner, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, shall
3.26 facilitate the provision of a state identification card to an inmate at no cost to the inmate
3.27 under the same criteria described in paragraph (a) relating to birth certificates, provided the
3.28 inmate possesses the necessary qualifying documents to obtain the card.

3.29 (c) The commissioner shall inform inmates of the commissioner's duties under paragraphs
3.30 (a) and (b) upon intake and again upon the initiation of release planning.

3.31 Subd. 3. **Medical assistance or MinnesotaCare application.** At least 45 days before
3.32 the scheduled release of an inmate, the commissioner shall offer to assist the inmate in

4.1 completing an application for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare and shall provide the
4.2 assistance if the inmate accepts the offer.

4.3 Subd. 4. **Medications.** (a) When releasing an inmate from prison, the commissioner
4.4 shall provide the inmate with a one-month supply of any non-narcotic medications that have
4.5 been prescribed to the inmate and a prescription for a 30-day supply of these medications
4.6 that may be refilled twice.

4.7 (b) Paragraph (a) applies only to the extent the requirement is consistent with clinical
4.8 guidelines and permitted under state and federal law.

4.9 (c) Nothing in this subdivision overrides the requirements in section 244.054.

4.10 Subd. 5. **Exception; release violators.** With the exception of subdivision 4, this section
4.11 does not apply to inmates who are being imprisoned for a release violation. The requirements
4.12 in subdivision 4 apply to all inmates being released.

4.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2021, except that the
4.14 requirement in subdivision 1, clause (10), is effective July 1, 2022.

4.15 Sec. 3. **[241.068] HOMELESSNESS MITIGATION PLAN; ANNUAL REPORTING**
4.16 **ON HOMELESSNESS.**

4.17 Subdivision 1. **Homelessness mitigation plan; report.** (a) The commissioner of
4.18 corrections shall develop and implement a homelessness mitigation plan for individuals
4.19 released from prison. At minimum, the plan must include:

4.20 (1) redesigning of business practices and policies to boost efforts to prevent homelessness
4.21 for all persons released from prison;

4.22 (2) efforts to increase interagency and intergovernmental collaboration between state
4.23 and local governmental units to identify and leverage shared resources; and

4.24 (3) development of internal metrics for the agency to report on its progress toward
4.25 implementing the plan and achieving the plan's goals.

4.26 (b) The commissioner shall submit the plan to the chairs and ranking minority members
4.27 of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and finance
4.28 by October 31, 2022.

4.29 Subd. 2. **Reporting on individuals released to homelessness.** (a) By February 15 of
4.30 each year beginning in 2022, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
4.31 members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and

5.1 finance the following information on adults, disaggregated by race, gender, and county of
5.2 release:

5.3 (1) the total number released to homelessness from prison;

5.4 (2) the total number released to homelessness by each Minnesota correctional facility;

5.5 (3) the total number released to homelessness by county of release; and

5.6 (4) the total number under supervised, intensive supervised, or conditional release
5.7 following release from prison who reported experiencing homelessness or a lack of housing
5.8 stability.

5.9 (b) Beginning with the 2024 report and continuing until the 2033 report, the commissioner
5.10 shall include in the report required under paragraph (a), information detailing progress,
5.11 measures, and challenges to the implementation of the homelessness mitigation plan required
5.12 by subdivision 1.

5.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.