

CHAPTER 171

DRIVERS LICENSES AND DRIVER
TRAINING SCHOOLS

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171.07 DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE LICENSE AND NONQUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES; ANATOMICAL GIFT INDICATION.

Subdivision 1. **License; contents.** The department shall, upon the payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor a license designating the type or class of vehicles he is authorized to drive as applied for, which license shall bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address and permanent mailing address if different, a description of the licensee in such manner as the commissioner deems necessary, and a space upon which the licensee shall write his usual signature and his or her date of birth with pen and ink. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. Except in the case of an instruction permit, every license shall bear thereon a colored photograph of the licensee. Every license issued to an applicant under the age of 19 shall be of a distinguishing color and plainly marked "provisional." The department shall use such process or processes in the issuance of licenses that prohibits as near as possible, the ability to alter or reproduce the licenses, or prohibit the ability to superimpose a photo on such licenses without ready detection. A license issued to an applicant of age 65 or over shall be plainly marked "senior" if requested by the applicant.

[For text of subds 1a and 2, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 3. Upon payment of the required fee the department shall issue to every applicant therefor a Minnesota identification card. The card must bear a distinguishing number assigned to the applicant, a colored photograph, the full name, date of birth, residence address, a description of the applicant in the manner as the commissioner deems necessary, and a space upon which the applicant shall write his usual signature and his date of birth with pen and ink.

Each Minnesota identification card must be plainly marked "Minnesota identification card - not a driver's license." The fee for a Minnesota identification card issued to a person who is mentally retarded, as defined in section 252A.02, subdivision 2, is 50 cents.

[For text of subds 3a to 5, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 135 s 1; 1983 c 272 s 1

171.08 LICENSEE TO HAVE LICENSE IN POSSESSION.

Every licensee shall have his license in his immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display it upon demand of a peace officer, an authorized representative of the department, or an officer authorized by law to enforce the laws relating to the operation of motor vehicles on public streets and highways. No person charged with violating the possession requirement shall

be convicted if he produces in court or the office of the arresting officer a driver's license previously issued to him for the class of vehicle which he was driving which was valid at the time of his arrest or satisfactory proof that at the time of the arrest he was validly licensed for the class of vehicle which he was driving. The licensee shall also, upon request of any officer, write his name in the presence of the officer to determine the identity of the licensee.

History: 1983 c 359 s 17

171.13 EXAMINATION.

Subdivision 1. **Applicants.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall examine each applicant for a driver's license by such agency as he directs. This examination must include a test of applicant's eyesight; ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; knowledge of traffic laws; knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drugs on a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely and legally; an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle; and other physical and mental examinations as the commissioner finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways, provided, further however, no driver's license shall be denied an applicant on the exclusive grounds that the applicant's eyesight is deficient in color perception. Provided, however, that war veterans operating motor vehicles especially equipped for handicapped persons, shall, if otherwise entitled to a license, be granted such license. The commissioner shall make provision for giving these examinations either in the county where the applicant resides or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the applicant.

[For text of subs 1a to 5, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 53 s 1

171.131 REPORTING TO COMMISSIONER.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 2. Any physician reporting in good faith and exercising due care shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of his actions pursuant to this section. No cause of action may be brought against any physician for not making a report pursuant to this section.

History: 1983 c 216 art 1 s 32

171.16 COURT MAY RECOMMEND SUSPENSION.

Subdivision 1. **Courts to report to commissioner.** Every court having jurisdiction over offenses committed under any law of this state or ordinance of a political subdivision regulating the operation of motor vehicles, shall forward to the department, within ten days, a record of the conviction of any person in the court for a violation of any laws or ordinances, except parking violations and defective vehicle equipment or vehicle size or weight violations, committed by a licensed chauffeur while driving a vehicle for which a chauffeur's license is required.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 359 s 18

171.181 RESIDENT DRIVING PRIVILEGE.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1983 c 127 s 2]

171.20 LICENSES MUST BE SURRENDERED.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 2. **Operation after revocation or suspension.** A resident or nonresident whose driver's license or right or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended, revoked, or canceled, shall not operate a motor vehicle in this state under license, permit, or registration certificate issued by any other jurisdiction or otherwise during the suspension, or after the revocation until Minnesota driving privileges are reinstated.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 127 s 1

171.26 MONEYS CREDITED TO TRUNK HIGHWAY FUND AND TO GENERAL FUND.

All money received under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury with 90 percent of such money credited to the trunk highway fund, and ten percent credited to the general fund, except as provided in section 171.29, subdivision 2.

History: 1983 c 293 s 70

171.29 REVOKED LICENSES; EXAMINATION FOR NEW LICENSES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 2. Any person whose drivers license has been revoked as provided in subdivision 1, except under section 169.121 or 169.123, shall pay a \$30 fee before his drivers license is reinstated. A person whose drivers license has been revoked as provided in subdivision 1 under section 169.121 or 169.123 shall pay a \$100 fee before his drivers license is reinstated; 75 percent of this fee shall be credited to the trunk highway fund and 25 percent shall be credited to the general fund.

History: 1983 c 293 s 71