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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to drivers' licenses; requiring that full head and face be shown on  
1.3 driver's license photograph; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.07,  
1.4 subdivisions 1, 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.6905,  
1.5 subdivision 8; 171.071, subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **License; contents.** (a) Upon the payment of the required fee, the  
1.9 department shall issue to every qualifying applicant a license designating the type or class  
1.10 of vehicles the applicant is authorized to drive as applied for. This license must bear a  
1.11 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; the licensee's full name, date of birth,  
1.12 and residence address; a description of the licensee in a manner as the commissioner  
1.13 deems necessary; and the usual signature of the licensee. No license is valid unless it  
1.14 bears the usual signature of the licensee. Every license must bear a colored photograph  
1.15 or an electronically produced image of the licensee that shows the full head and face  
1.16 of the person.

1.17 (b) If the United States Postal Service will not deliver mail to the applicant's  
1.18 residence address as listed on the license, then the applicant shall provide verification from  
1.19 the United States Postal Service that mail will not be delivered to the applicant's residence  
1.20 address and that mail will be delivered to a specified alternate mailing address. When an  
1.21 applicant provides an alternate mailing address under this subdivision, the commissioner  
1.22 shall use the alternate mailing address in lieu of the applicant's residence address for  
1.23 all notices and mailings to the applicant.

1.24 (c) Every license issued to an applicant under the age of 21 must be of a  
1.25 distinguishing color and plainly marked "Under-21."

2.1 (d) The department shall use processes in issuing a license that prohibit, as nearly as  
2.2 possible, the ability to alter or reproduce a license, or prohibit the ability to superimpose a  
2.3 photograph or electronically produced image on a license, without ready detection.

2.4 (e) A license issued to an applicant age 65 or over must be plainly marked "senior" if  
2.5 requested by the applicant.

2.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 3. **Identification card; fee.** (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the  
2.8 department shall issue to every qualifying applicant a Minnesota identification card. The  
2.9 department may not issue a Minnesota identification card to an individual who has a  
2.10 driver's license, other than a limited license. The card must bear a distinguishing number  
2.11 assigned to the applicant; a colored photograph or an electronically produced image of  
2.12 the applicant that shows the full head and face of the person; the applicant's full name,  
2.13 date of birth, and residence address; a description of the applicant in the manner as the  
2.14 commissioner deems necessary; and the usual signature of the applicant.

2.15 (b) If the United States Postal Service will not deliver mail to the applicant's  
2.16 residence address as listed on the Minnesota identification card, then the applicant shall  
2.17 provide verification from the United States Postal Service that mail will not be delivered  
2.18 to the applicant's residence address and that mail will be delivered to a specified alternate  
2.19 mailing address. When an applicant provides an alternate mailing address under this  
2.20 subdivision, the commissioner shall use the alternate mailing address in lieu of the  
2.21 applicant's residence address for all notices and mailings to the applicant.

2.22 (c) Each identification card issued to an applicant under the age of 21 must be of a  
2.23 distinguishing color and plainly marked "Under-21."

2.24 (d) Each Minnesota identification card must be plainly marked "Minnesota  
2.25 identification card - not a driver's license."

2.26 (e) The fee for a Minnesota identification card is 50 cents when issued to a person  
2.27 who is developmentally disabled, as defined in section 252A.02, subdivision 2; a  
2.28 physically disabled person, as defined in section 169.345, subdivision 2; or, a person with  
2.29 mental illness, as described in section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c).

2.30 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.31 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.6905, subdivision 8; and 171.071, subdivision  
2.32 1, are repealed.