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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to drivers' licenses; amending appearance of restricted license; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.07, subdivision 1.

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

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

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

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

1.21 (c) Every license issued to an applicant under the age of 21 must be of a
1.22 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 (f) Every Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued to an
2.7 applicant who is restricted from consuming alcohol under section 171.09 must be (1) of
2.8 a distinguishing color matching the color of licenses issued under paragraph (c), and
2.9 (2) plainly marked with the letter "R" on the front of the license or identification card
2.10 indicating that the holder is restricted from consuming alcohol. The license may include
2.11 text on the back indicating the nature of the restriction.

2.12 (g) Any alcohol server or alcohol-serving establishment shall refuse service to
2.13 a person who has been issued a driver's license under section 171.09 indicating that the
2.14 person is restricted from consuming any alcohol.

2.15 Sec. 2. **JOEY'S LAW.**

2.16 This act may be cited as "Joey's Law."