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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 driver's licenses; authorizing limited license for driving to obtain  
1.3 employment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.30, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Conditions of issuance.** (a) In any case where a person's license  
1.7 has been suspended under section 171.18, 171.173, or 171.186, or revoked under section  
1.8 169.792, 169.797, 169A.52, 169A.54, 171.17, or 171.172, the commissioner may issue a  
1.9 limited license to the driver ~~including under the following conditions~~ if:

1.10 (1) ~~if~~ the driver's livelihood or, including seeking or holding employment, depends  
1.11 upon the use of the driver's license;

1.12 (2) the driver's attendance at a chemical dependency treatment or counseling  
1.13 program depends upon the use of the driver's license;

1.14 ~~(2) if~~ (3) the use of a driver's license by a homemaker is necessary to prevent the  
1.15 substantial disruption of the education, medical, or nutritional needs of the family of  
1.16 the homemaker; or

1.17 ~~(3) if~~ (4) attendance at a postsecondary institution of education by an enrolled  
1.18 student of that institution depends upon the use of the driver's license.

1.19 (b) The commissioner in issuing a limited license may impose such conditions and  
1.20 limitations as in the commissioner's judgment are necessary to the interests of the public  
1.21 safety and welfare including reexamination as to the driver's qualifications. The license  
1.22 may be limited to the operation of particular vehicles, to particular classes and times of  
1.23 operation, and to particular conditions of traffic. The commissioner may require that an

2.1 applicant for a limited license affirmatively demonstrate that use of public transportation  
2.2 or carpooling as an alternative to a limited license would be a significant hardship.

2.3 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "homemaker" refers to the person primarily  
2.4 performing the domestic tasks in a household of residents consisting of at least the person  
2.5 and the person's dependent child or other dependents.

2.6 (d) The limited license issued by the commissioner shall clearly indicate the  
2.7 limitations imposed and the driver operating under the limited license shall have the  
2.8 license in possession at all times when operating as a driver.

2.9 (e) In determining whether to issue a limited license, the commissioner shall  
2.10 consider the number and the seriousness of prior convictions and the entire driving record  
2.11 of the driver and shall consider the number of miles driven by the driver annually.

2.12 (f) If the person's driver's license or permit to drive has been revoked under  
2.13 section 169.792 or 169.797, the commissioner may only issue a limited license to the  
2.14 person after the person has presented an insurance identification card, policy, or written  
2.15 statement indicating that the driver or owner has insurance coverage satisfactory to  
2.16 the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety may require  
2.17 the insurance identification card provided to satisfy this subdivision be certified by the  
2.18 insurance company to be noncancelable for a period not to exceed 12 months.

2.19 (g) The limited license issued by the commissioner to a person under section  
2.20 171.186, subdivision 4, must expire 90 days after the date it is issued. The commissioner  
2.21 must not issue a limited license to a person who previously has been issued a limited  
2.22 license under section 171.186, subdivision 4.

2.23 (h) The commissioner shall not issue a limited driver's license to any person  
2.24 described in section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (6), (7), (8), (10), (11), or (14).

2.25 (i) The commissioner shall not issue a class A, class B, or class C limited license.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment,  
2.27 for limited licenses issued on or after that date.