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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 152

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; governing requirements related to driver's license
1.3 examinations; establishing a fee; authorizing use of an appropriation; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.13, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.13, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. Repeat Examination fee fees. (a) A fee of \$10 must be paid by an individual
1.8 to take a third and any subsequent knowledge test administered by the department if the
1.9 individual has failed two previous consecutive knowledge tests on the subject.

1.10 (b) A fee of \$20 must be paid by an individual to take a third and any subsequent skills
1.11 or road test administered by the department if the individual has previously failed two
1.12 consecutive skill or road tests in a specified class of motor vehicle.

1.13 (c) A fee of \$20 must be paid by an individual who fails to appear for a scheduled skills
1.14 or road test or who cancels a skills or road test within 24 hours of the appointment time.

1.15 (d) All fees received under this subdivision must be paid into the state treasury and
1.16 credited to the driver services operating account in the special revenue fund specified under
1.17 section 299A.705.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2020.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 8. Examination scheduling. The commissioner must not schedule or reserve
2.4 recurring time with a public, private, or commercial driver education program for purposes
2.5 of administering skills or road tests to a class D license applicant.

2.6 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.7 Sec. 3. ONLINE DRIVER'S LICENSE KNOWLEDGE TESTING; USE OF
2.8 APPROPRIATION.

2.9 (a) Of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, section 4,
2.10 subdivision 4, paragraph (c), \$450,000 is available to the commissioner of public safety to
2.11 implement online driver's license knowledge testing, to decrease the need for exam station
2.12 staff to administer the tests, and to provide for an increase in the number of behind-the-wheel
2.13 skills tests that exam station staff can provide.

2.14 (b) The authority under paragraph (a) is available until January 31, 2022, for expenses
2.15 incurred on or before December 31, 2021. Any funds under this section that remain unspent
2.16 after January 31, 2022, revert to the purposes identified in Laws 2019, First Special Session
2.17 chapter 3, section 4, subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

2.18 (c) The base for the appropriation from the driver services operating account in Laws
2.19 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, section 4, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), is increased
2.20 by \$55,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for annual maintenance of the online
2.21 driver's license knowledge testing system.

2.22 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.