

A bill for an act
relating to drivers' licenses; providing for designation of veteran status for
drivers' licenses, Minnesota identification cards, and driver records; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 171.06, subdivision 3; 171.07, by adding a
subdivision; 171.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Contents of application; other information.** (a) An application must:

(1) state the full name, date of birth, sex, and either (i) the residence address of the
applicant, or (ii) designated address under section 5B.05;

(2) as may be required by the commissioner, contain a description of the applicant
and any other facts pertaining to the applicant, the applicant's driving privileges, and the
applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle with safety;

(3) state:

(i) the applicant's Social Security number; or

(ii) if the applicant does not have a Social Security number and is applying for a
Minnesota identification card, instruction permit, or class D provisional or driver's license,
that the applicant certifies that the applicant does not have a Social Security number;

(4) contain a space where the applicant may indicate a desire to make an anatomical
gift according to paragraph (b); ~~and~~

(5) contain a notification to the applicant of the availability of a living will/health
care directive designation on the license under section 171.07, subdivision 7; and

(6) contain a space where the applicant may request a veteran designation on the
license under section 171.07, subdivision 15, and the driving record under section 171.12,
subdivision 5a.

(b) If the applicant does not indicate a desire to make an anatomical gift when the application is made, the applicant must be offered a donor document in accordance with section 171.07, subdivision 5. The application must contain statements sufficient to comply with the requirements of the Darlene Luther Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, chapter 525A, so that execution of the application or donor document will make the anatomical gift as provided in section 171.07, subdivision 5, for those indicating a desire to make an anatomical gift. The application must be accompanied by information describing Minnesota laws regarding anatomical gifts and the need for and benefits of anatomical gifts, and the legal implications of making an anatomical gift, including the law governing revocation of anatomical gifts. The commissioner shall distribute a notice that must accompany all applications for and renewals of a driver's license or Minnesota identification card. The notice must be prepared in conjunction with a Minnesota organ procurement organization that is certified by the federal Department of Health and Human Services and must include:

(1) a statement that provides a fair and reasonable description of the organ donation process, the care of the donor body after death, and the importance of informing family members of the donation decision; and

(2) a telephone number in a certified Minnesota organ procurement organization that may be called with respect to questions regarding anatomical gifts.

(c) The application must be accompanied also by information containing relevant facts relating to:

(1) the effect of alcohol on driving ability;

(2) the effect of mixing alcohol with drugs;

(3) the laws of Minnesota relating to operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; and

(4) the levels of alcohol-related fatalities and accidents in Minnesota and of arrests for alcohol-related violations.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15. **Veteran designation.** (a) At the request of the applicant and on payment of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation "Veteran" to an applicant who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447.

(b) At the time of the initial application for the designation provided under this subdivision, the applicant must have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers.

3.1 (c) The commissioner of public safety is required to issue drivers' licenses and
3.2 Minnesota identification cards with the veteran designation only after entering a new
3.3 contract or in coordination with producing a new card design with modifications made
3.4 as required by law.

3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to
3.6 drivers' licenses and Minnesota identification cards issued as stated in paragraph (c).

3.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.8 to read:

3.9 Subd. 5a. **Veteran designation.** When an applicant for a driver's license, instruction
3.10 permit, or Minnesota identification card requests a veteran designation under section
3.11 171.06, subdivision 3, the commissioner shall maintain a computer record of veteran
3.12 designations. The veteran designation may be removed from the computer record only
3.13 upon written notice to the department. The veteran designation is classified as private data
3.14 on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.