

A bill for an act

relating to state government; expanding eligibility for gold star license plates to surviving legal guardians and siblings; regulating certain motor vehicle fees; regulating the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans homes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 168.1253, subdivision 1; 168.33, subdivision 7; 171.06, subdivision 2; 198.261; 299A.705, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 196.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 168.1253, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(b) "Active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.

(c) "Eligible person" means a surviving spouse ~~or~~, parent or legal guardian, or sibling of a person who has died while serving honorably in active service.

(d) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial purposes, and may include a passenger automobile, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, pickup truck, or van.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2011, for registrations applied for or renewed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 168.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Filing fees; allocations.** (a) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes, a filing fee of:

(1) ~~\$4.50~~ \$6 is imposed on every vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate transactions; and

(2) ~~\$8.50~~ \$10 is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including pro rate transactions;

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a):

~~except that~~ (1) a filing fee may not be charged for a document returned for a refund or for a correction of an error made by the Department of Public Safety, a dealer, or a deputy registrar; and

(2) no filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a title for a vehicle.

(c) The filing fee must be shown as a separate item on all registration renewal notices sent out by the commissioner. ~~No filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a title for a vehicle.~~

~~(b)~~ (d) The statutory fees and taxes, and the filing fees imposed under paragraph (a) may be paid by credit card or debit card. The deputy registrar may collect a surcharge on the statutory fees, taxes, and filing fee not greater than the cost of processing a credit card or debit card transaction, in accordance with emergency rules established by the commissioner of public safety. The surcharge must be used to pay the cost of processing credit and debit card transactions.

~~(e) All of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (1), by the department, must be paid into the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705. Of the fee collected under paragraph (a), clause (2), by the department, \$3.50 must be paid into the general fund with the remainder deposited into the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705.~~ (e) The fees collected under this subdivision by the department must be allocated as follows:

(1) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (1):

(i) \$4.50 must be deposited in the vehicle services operating account; and

(ii) \$1.50 must be deposited:

(A) in the driver and vehicle services technology account until sufficient funds have been deposited in that account to cover all costs of administration, development, and initial full deployment of the driver and vehicle services information system; and

(B) after completion of the deposit of funds under clause (1), item (ii), subitem (A), in the vehicle services operating account; and

(2) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (2):

(i) \$3.50 must be deposited in the general fund;

(ii) \$5.00 must be deposited in the vehicle services operating account; and

3.1 (iii) \$1.50 must be deposited:

3.2 (A) in the driver and vehicle services technology account until sufficient funds have
 3.3 been deposited in that account to cover all costs of administration, development, and
 3.4 initial full deployment of the driver and vehicle services information system; and

3.5 (B) after completion of the deposit of funds under clause (2), item (iii), subitem (A),
 3.6 in the vehicle services operating account.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fees collected on and after
 3.8 July 1, 2011.

3.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 171.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.10 Subd. 2. **Fees.** (a) The fees for a license and Minnesota identification card are
 3.11 as follows:

3.12		D-\$22.25	C-\$26.25	B-\$33.25	A-\$41.25
3.13	Classified Driver's License	<u>D-\$17.25</u>	<u>C-\$21.25</u>	<u>B-\$28.25</u>	<u>A-\$36.25</u>
3.14		D-\$22.25	C-\$26.25	B-\$33.25	A-\$21.25
3.15	Classified Under-21 D.L.	<u>D-\$17.25</u>	<u>C-\$21.25</u>	<u>B-\$28.25</u>	<u>A-\$16.25</u>
3.16		D-\$37.25	C-\$41.25	B-\$48.25	A-\$56.25
3.17	Enhanced Driver's License	<u>D-\$32.25</u>	<u>C-\$36.25</u>	<u>B-\$43.25</u>	<u>A-\$51.25</u>
3.18	Instruction Permit			\$10.25	<u>\$5.25</u>
3.19	Enhanced Instruction				\$25.25
3.20	Permit				<u>\$20.25</u>
3.21	Provisional License			\$13.25	<u>\$8.25</u>
3.22	Enhanced Provisional				\$28.25
3.23	License				<u>\$23.25</u>
3.24	Duplicate License or				
3.25	duplicate identification				
3.26	card			\$11.75	<u>\$6.75</u>
3.27	Enhanced Duplicate				
3.28	License or enhanced				
3.29	duplicate identification				\$26.75
3.30	card				<u>\$21.75</u>
3.31	Minnesota identification				
3.32	card or Under-21				
3.33	Minnesota identification				
3.34	card, other than duplicate,				
3.35	except as otherwise				
3.36	provided in section 171.07,				\$16.25
3.37	subdivisions 3 and 3a				<u>\$11.25</u>
3.38	Enhanced Minnesota				\$31.25
3.39	identification card				<u>\$26.25</u>

3.40 In addition to each fee required in this paragraph, the commissioner shall collect a
 3.41 surcharge of \$1.75 until June 30, 2012. Surcharges collected under this paragraph must be

credited to the driver and vehicle services technology account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an individual who holds a provisional license and has a driving record free of (1) convictions for a violation of section 169A.20, 169A.33, 169A.35, or sections 169A.50 to 169A.53, (2) convictions for crash-related moving violations, and (3) convictions for moving violations that are not crash related, shall have a \$3.50 credit toward the fee for any classified under-21 driver's license. "Moving violation" has the meaning given it in section 171.04, subdivision 1.

(c) In addition to the driver's license fee required under paragraph (a), the commissioner shall collect an additional \$4 processing fee from each new applicant or individual renewing a license with a school bus endorsement to cover the costs for processing an applicant's initial and biennial physical examination certificate. The department shall not charge these applicants any other fee to receive or renew the endorsement.

(d) In addition to the fee required under paragraph (a), a driver's license agent may charge and retain a filing fee as provided under section 171.061, subdivision 4.

(e) In addition to the fee required under paragraph (a), the commissioner shall charge a filing fee at the same amount as a driver's license agent under section 171.061, subdivision 4. Revenue collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the driver services operating account.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 4. **[196.053] ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

The commissioner is authorized to apply for and accept federal funding for purposes of this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 198.261, is amended to read:

198.261 CANTEEN, COFFEE SHOP, ~~AND~~ WOOD SHOP, AND OTHER WORK THERAPY PROGRAMS.

Any profits derived from the operation of canteens, coffee shops, ~~and~~ wood shops, and other work therapy programs at the Minnesota veterans homes shall be used by the commissioner only for the direct benefit of the residents of the homes.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299A.705, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Driver and vehicle services technology account.** (a) The driver and vehicle services technology account is created in the special revenue fund, consisting of the technology surcharge collected as specified in chapters 168, 168A, and 171~~;~~ the filing fee revenue collected under section 168.33, subdivision 7; and any other money otherwise donated, allotted, appropriated, or legislated to this account.

(b) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety to support the research, development, deployment, and maintenance of a driver and vehicle services information system.

(c) Following completion of the deposit of filing fee revenue into the driver and vehicle services technology account as provided under section 168.33, subdivision 7, the commissioner shall submit a notification to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance concerning driver and vehicle services information system implementation, which must include information on (1) total revenue deposited in the driver and vehicle services technology account, with a breakdown by sources of funds; (2) total project costs incurred, with a breakdown by key project components; and (3) an estimate of ongoing system maintenance costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.