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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to drivers' licenses; expanding same-day issuance of noncompliant drivers'
1.3 licenses, instruction permits, and identification cards; instituting requirements for
1.4 licenses and identification cards issued the same day; specifying locations where
1.5 same-day drivers' licenses will be offered; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.7 Section 1. DRIVER'S LICENSE SAME-DAY ISSUANCE PILOT PROJECT
1.8 EXPANSION.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Expansion authorized. The commissioner of public safety must expand
1.10 the same-day driver's license pilot project established in Laws 2021, First Special Session
1.11 chapter 5, article 4, section 141, and conduct the pilot project under the requirements set
1.12 forth in this section.

1.13 Subd. 2. Locations. (a) The commissioner must continue the same-day issuance pilot
1.14 project in Lakeville and Moorhead. The pilot project must be offered at the following
1.15 additional locations:

1.16 (1) Blaine;

1.17 (2) Brainerd;

1.18 (3) Chaska;

1.19 (4) Grand Rapids;

1.20 (5) Mankato;

1.21 (6) Minneapolis;

2.1 (7) Rochester;

2.2 (8) St. Paul;

2.3 (9) Stillwater; and

2.4 (10) Willmar.

2.5 (b) The pilot project locations established in paragraph (a) include any driver's license
2.6 agent in the city that requests to participate in the pilot project. The requirements of this
2.7 section apply to any driver's license agent participating in the pilot project.

2.8 (c) For paragraph (a), clauses (6), (7), and (8), the Department of Public Safety Division
2.9 of Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) must select the location in the specified city where
2.10 the same-day issuance pilot project will be offered.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Issuance; services.** (a) An applicant who submits a properly completed
2.12 application for a noncompliant driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card
2.13 must be provided with the license or card at the time of application. The noncompliant
2.14 license or card must be processed and produced at the site of the application. The applicant
2.15 must not be required to go to another location to receive the license or card. The applicant
2.16 must not be provided with a temporary license or card.

2.17 (b) The commissioner must provide additional same-day services under the requirements
2.18 of this section at pilot project locations, including:

2.19 (1) providing an application for a duplicate noncompliant driver's license, instruction
2.20 permit, or identification card; and

2.21 (2) processing the renewal of a noncompliant driver's license, instruction permit, or
2.22 identification card.

2.23 Subd. 4. **Design and construction.** (a) The design and construction of a noncompliant
2.24 driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card issued under the pilot project must
2.25 be substantially similar to centrally issued drivers' licenses, instruction permits, or
2.26 identification cards issued under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

2.27 (b) A same-day noncompliant driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card
2.28 must, as much as practicable, contain the same security features as centrally issued
2.29 noncompliant drivers' licenses, identification cards, or instruction permits. The security
2.30 features of a same-day noncompliant driver's license, instruction permit, or identification
2.31 card must not obscure the colored photograph of the licensee.

3.1 (c) To the extent practicable, the materials used in printing the noncompliant driver's
3.2 license, instruction permit, or identification card must be substantially similar to and must
3.3 not have significant differences in weight, thickness, or rigidity when compared to centrally
3.4 issued licenses or cards.

3.5 Subd. 5. **Public awareness.** (a) The commissioner must establish and create informational
3.6 materials to raise public awareness about the pilot project. The commissioner must develop
3.7 a communications strategy that informs the public, deputy registrars, driver's license agents,
3.8 the hospitality industry, restaurant and beverage associations, financial institutions, law
3.9 enforcement agencies, state agencies, neighboring states, airports, car rental agencies, the
3.10 Transportation Security Administration, and any other public-facing entity that requires a
3.11 person to present identification about the same-day pilot project and its requirements.

3.12 (b) The commissioner must establish a pilot project web page on the DVS main website
3.13 and prominently identify information about the pilot project. The commissioner must present
3.14 information about the same-day pilot project, the locations of where the pilot project is
3.15 being offered, the same-day services located at those locations, a list of frequently asked
3.16 questions, and any other material needed to educate the public.

3.17 Subd. 6. **Administration.** The commissioner must establish administrative processes at
3.18 DVS to review and facilitate the same-day pilot project. The processes established under
3.19 this subdivision must allow DVS to resolve outstanding issues or concerns about an
3.20 application for a same-day noncompliant driver's license, instruction permit, or identification
3.21 card in a timely manner. DVS must ensure that the administrative processes to resolve issues
3.22 with the pilot project at its central office are available five days a week and between the
3.23 hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

3.24 Subd. 7. **Report.** By January 1, 2026, the commissioner must submit a report on the
3.25 pilot project to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
3.26 jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, the report must include
3.27 the following:

3.28 (1) a description of the pilot project and the locations that participated in the pilot project;

3.29 (2) a review of security features and a comparison of a centrally issued noncompliant
3.30 driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card versus a noncompliant driver's
3.31 license, instruction permit, or identification card issued under this section;

3.32 (3) a description and information on the commissioner's marketing and public awareness
3.33 campaign about the same-day pilot project;

4.1 (4) how many same-day noncompliant drivers' licenses, instruction permits, or
4.2 identification cards were processed during the pilot project;

4.3 (5) any information or feedback from the driver's license agents about the pilot project
4.4 in the additional locations specified in subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and

4.5 (6) recommendations on implementing same-day license issuance statewide.

4.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024, and applies to
4.7 applications received on or after that date.

4.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

4.9 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2025 from the driver and vehicle services account
4.10 in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for expanding and
4.11 administering the same-day driver's license pilot project established in section 1. The
4.12 commissioner must use the funds appropriated under this section to:

4.13 (1) provide equipment and necessary capital improvements to driver's license agents at
4.14 the locations specified in section 1, subdivision 2, paragraph (a);

4.15 (2) enter into an agreement with a vendor for producing same-day noncompliant drivers'
4.16 licenses, identification cards, and instruction permits with substantially similar features as
4.17 required in section 1, subdivision 4; and

4.18 (3) provide staffing and overtime costs, including a position at DVS responsible for
4.19 administration of the same-day pilot project.