

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 89.01, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **State forests; removal of lands.** When any tract or tracts of land that are included in areas set apart as state forests are found to be more valuable for agriculture than for forestry or other conservation purposes, the commissioner by written order may eliminate such lands from state forest whereupon such lands shall be subject to sale the same as other lands not reserved. *When any tract or tracts of land that are included in areas set apart as state forests are found to be more valuable for the construction of industrial plants or for purposes including forestry essential to the establishment of or expansion of substantial commercial developments, the commissioner, by written order, with the unanimous approval of the Land Exchange Commission may eliminate such lands from state forests whereupon such lands shall be subject to sale the same as other lands not reserved.*

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CHAPTER 382—H. F. No. 21

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to drivers' licenses; increasing the minimum age to 16 and providing restricted farm work licenses and restricted licenses for motor scooters and instruction permits to persons age 15 in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Sections 171.04 and 171.05, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 171, by adding a section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 171.04, is amended to read:

171.04 Drivers' licenses; minimum age; persons not eligible for driver's license. The department shall not issue a driver's license hereunder:

(1) To any person who is under the age of ~~15~~ 16 years; nor to any person under 18 years unless the application of license is approved by the father of the applicant, if the father is living and has custody of the applicant, otherwise by the mother or guardian having the custody of such minor, or in the event a person under the age of 18 has no living father, mother or guardian, the license shall not be issued to such person unless his application therefor is approved by his employer. The approval required herein shall contain a verification of the age of the applicant;

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(2) To any person whose license has been suspended during the period of suspension except that a suspended license may be reinstated during the period of suspension upon the licensee furnishing proof of financial responsibility in the same manner as provided in the safety responsibility act;

(3) To any person whose license has been revoked except upon furnishing proof of financial responsibility in the same manner as provided in the safety responsibility act and if otherwise qualified;

(4) To any person who is an habitual drunkard as determined by competent authority or is addicted to the use of narcotic drugs;

(5) To any person who has previously been adjudged insane, inebriate, epileptic, or feeble-minded unless the department is satisfied that such person is competent to operate a motor vehicle with safety to persons or property;

(6) To any person who is required by this chapter to take an examination, unless such person shall have successfully passed such examination;

(7) To any person who is required under the provisions of the safety responsibility laws of this state to deposit proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited such proof;

(8) To any person when the commissioner has good cause to believe that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by such person would be inimical to public safety or welfare;

(9) To any person when, in the opinion of the commissioner, such person is afflicted with or suffering from such physical or mental disability or disease as will affect such person in a manner to prevent him from exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while operating the same upon the highways; nor to a person who is unable to read and understand official signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 171.05, is amended to read:

171.05 **Instruction permits.** *Subdivision 1.* Any person who, except for his lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a driver's license under this chapter, may apply for an instruction permit and the department shall issue such permit entitling the applicant, while having such permit in his immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period of six months, but such person must be

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accompanied by ~~a~~ *an adult* licensed driver or chauffeur who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding any provision in subdivision 1 to the contrary, the department, upon application therefor, may issue an instruction permit to an applicant who is 15 years of age and who is enrolled in an approved driver education program including behind the wheel training. Such an instruction permit holder who has the permit in his possession may operate a motor vehicle while receiving behind the wheel training in an approved driver education program, but only when accompanied by an authorized instructor who occupies the seat beside him, or during and upon completion of the course while accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian who also must occupy the seat beside the instruction permit holder.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 171, is amended by adding a section to read:

[171.041] **Restricted licenses.** *(1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 171.04, relating to the age of an applicant to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted farm work license to operate a motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years but who is under the age of 16 years and who, except for his age, is qualified to hold a driver's license. The restricted license shall be issued solely for the purpose of authorizing the person to whom the restricted license is issued to assist his parents or guardians with farm work. A person holding such a restricted license may operate a motor vehicle only during daylight hours and only within a radius of 20 miles of his parent's or guardian's farmhouse; however, in no case may a person holding such a restricted license operate a motor vehicle in a city of the first class. An applicant for a restricted license shall apply to the commissioner for the license on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The application shall be accompanied, by a written verified statement by the applicant's parent or guardian setting forth the necessity for the license.*

(2) Notwithstanding any provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 171.04, relating to the age of an applicant to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted license to operate a motor scooter of not more than five brake horsepower to a person who has attained the age of 15 years but who is under the age of 16 years and who, except for his age, is qualified to hold a driver's license.

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