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A bill for an act  
relating to natural resources; authorizing lifetime game and fish license  
information to be placed on a driver's license or Minnesota identification card;  
amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 97A.405, subdivision 2; 171.07, by  
adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.405, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Personal possession.** (a) A person acting under a license or traveling from  
an area where a licensed activity was performed must have in personal possession either:  
(1) the proper license, if the license has been issued to and received by the person; (2) a  
driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued under section 171.07, subdivision  
19, that has a valid written designation of the proper lifetime license; or ~~(2)~~ (3) the proper  
license identification number or stamp validation, if the license has been sold to the person  
by electronic means but the actual license has not been issued and received.

(b) If possession of a license or a license identification number is required, a person  
must exhibit, as requested by a conservation officer or peace officer, either: (1) the  
proper license if the license has been issued to and received by the person; (2) a driver's  
license or Minnesota identification card issued under section 171.07, subdivision 19,  
that has a valid written designation of the proper lifetime license; or ~~(2)~~ (3) the proper  
license identification number or stamp validation and a valid state driver's license, state  
identification card, or other form of identification provided by the commissioner, if the  
license has been sold to the person by electronic means but the actual license has not been  
issued and received. A person charged with violating the license possession requirement  
shall not be convicted if the person produces in court or the office of the arresting officer,  
the actual license previously issued to that person, which was valid at the time of arrest,

or satisfactory proof that at the time of the arrest the person was validly licensed. Upon request of a conservation officer or peace officer, a licensee shall write the licensee's name in the presence of the officer to determine the identity of the licensee.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (a), clause (2), if the actual license has been issued and received, a receipt for license fees, a copy of a license, or evidence showing the issuance of a license, including the license identification number or stamp validation, does not entitle a licensee to exercise the rights or privileges conferred by a license.

(d) A license issued electronically and not immediately provided to the licensee shall be mailed to the licensee within 30 days of purchase of the license. A pictorial migratory waterfowl, pheasant, trout and salmon, or walleye stamp shall be provided to the licensee after purchase of a stamp validation only if the licensee pays an additional fee that covers the costs of producing and mailing a pictorial stamp. A pictorial turkey stamp may be purchased for a fee that covers the costs of producing and mailing the pictorial stamp. Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner may, by written order published in the State Register, establish fees for providing the pictorial stamps. The fees must be set in an amount that does not recover significantly more or less than the cost of producing and mailing the stamps. The fees are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14, and section 14.386 does not apply.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 19. **Resident lifetime game and fish license.** (a) The department shall maintain in its records information transmitted electronically from the commissioner of natural resources identifying each person to whom the commissioner has issued a resident lifetime license under section 97A.473. The records transmitted from the Department of Natural Resources must contain:

(1) the full name and date of birth as required for the driver's license or identification card;

(2) the category of lifetime license issued under section 97A.473; and

(3) the Department of Natural Resources lifetime license number.

Records that are not matched to a driver's license or identification card record may be deleted after seven years.

(b) After receiving information under paragraph (a) that a person has received a lifetime license, the department shall include, on all drivers' licenses or Minnesota identification cards subsequently issued to the person, a written designation that the person

3.1 has a lifetime license, the category of the lifetime license issued, and the Department of  
3.2 Natural Resources lifetime license number.

3.3 (c) If a person who has received a lifetime license under section 97A.473 applies  
3.4 for a driver's license or Minnesota identification card before that information has been  
3.5 transmitted to the department, the department may accept a copy of the license issued  
3.6 under section 97A.473 as proof of its issuance and shall then follow the procedures in  
3.7 paragraph (b).

3.8 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.9 This act is effective January 1, 2018, or on the date the Department of Public Safety  
3.10 implements the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS), whichever  
3.11 occurs first.