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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Division Action

04/08/2020 Referred by Chair to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
Division action, to adopt as amended and return to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; extending expiration dates for out-of-state drivers'

1.3 licenses, commercial drivers' licenses, and medical certificates and waivers;

1.4 extending vehicle registration periods; directing use of federal transit funds;

1.5 requiring reports; amending Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15,

1.6 subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.8 Section 1. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 3. **Out-of-state licenses.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 171.03,

1.10 ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (h) and (i), any person who becomes a resident of the state of Minnesota

1.11 and who possesses a valid ~~noncommercial~~ driver's license issued to the person under and

1.12 pursuant to the laws of some other state or jurisdiction, or by military authorities of the

1.13 United States, may operate a motor vehicle for more than 30 days for a commercial driver's

1.14 license or 60 days for a noncommercial driver's license without being required to have a

1.15 Minnesota driver's license, as provided by this subdivision. A person described by this

1.16 subdivision may only operate the types of vehicles for which the license is issued and must

1.17 apply for a Minnesota driver's license by the last day of the second consecutive month

1.18 following the month in which the peacetime public health emergency period terminates.

1.19 (b) If a Minnesota resident's driver's license or state identification card issued by another

1.20 state, jurisdiction, or military authority would expire absent this subdivision during the

1.21 period specified by subdivision 2, paragraph (a), the expiration date is extended in the

1.22 manner prescribed by subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) to (e), except that the expiration date

1.23 for a commercial driver's license must not be extended past the date identified by the Federal

1.24 Motor Carrier Safety Administration in waivers of applicable federal regulations.

2.1 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "driver's license" includes but is not limited to an
2.2 instruction permit, provisional license, operator's permit, limited license, and farm work
2.3 license.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.5 Sec. 2. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.6 to read:

2.7 Subd. 3a. **Medical certificates and waivers.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
2.8 sections 171.162 and 221.0314, subdivisions 2, 3, and 3a, if a medical examiner's certificate
2.9 or a medical waiver would expire absent this subdivision during the period specified by
2.10 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), the expiration date is extended in the manner prescribed by
2.11 subdivision 2, except that it must not be extended past the date identified by the Federal
2.12 Motor Carrier Safety Administration in waivers of applicable federal regulations.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.14 Sec. 3. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.15 to read:

2.16 Subd. 3b. **Commercial drivers' licenses.** (a) The commissioner of public safety may
2.17 exercise the authority under this subdivision for restricted commercial drivers' licenses
2.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.02, subdivision 4, and otherwise only if the
2.19 commissioner has established procedures for on-the-road examinations during the peacetime
2.20 public health emergency period in a manner that (1) ensures personal protective measures
2.21 for applicants and examiners, and (2) complies with guidance and recommendations related
2.22 to the infectious disease known as COVID-19 provided from the Centers for Disease Control
2.23 and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health.

2.24 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171, and Minnesota Rules, part
2.25 7410.1810, during the peacetime public health emergency period, the commissioner may
2.26 issue a new commercial driver's license to a qualifying applicant except that:

2.27 (1) in lieu of a photograph taken in person, the commissioner may use the most recently
2.28 available photograph of the applicant on record with the department;

2.29 (2) a test of the applicant's eyesight under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.13, subdivision
2.30 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), is not required at the time of application; and

3.1 (3) subject to paragraph (c), the expiration date of the license is the last day of the second
3.2 consecutive month following the month in which the peacetime public health emergency
3.3 period terminates.

3.4 (c) After the peacetime public health emergency period, the expiration date of a license
3.5 issued under this subdivision is adjusted to the date that would otherwise apply for a license
3.6 issued absent this subdivision if the license holder:

3.7 (1) arranges for an in-person photograph; and

3.8 (2) passes a test of the person's eyesight.

3.9 (d) No fee or surcharge under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171, is imposed for the license
3.10 other than the amounts that would otherwise apply for a license issued absent this subdivision.

3.11 (e) The requirements under subdivision 2, paragraphs (d) and (e), apply for a license
3.12 issued under this subdivision.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.14 Sec. 4. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.15 to read:

3.16 **Subd. 4a. Vehicle registration; extension.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
3.17 chapter 168, the registration is deemed extended for any vehicle that is not eligible for the
3.18 online vehicle registration system whose registration period expired on February 29, 2020,
3.19 or absent this subdivision would otherwise expire (1) during the peacetime public health
3.20 emergency period, or (2) on any day of the month in which the peacetime public health
3.21 emergency period terminates.

3.22 (b) An extension under this subdivision is provided to the last day of the second
3.23 consecutive month following the month in which the peacetime public health emergency
3.24 period terminates.

3.25 (c) No tax, fee, late fee, or surcharge under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168, is imposed
3.26 for an extension under this subdivision. A replacement validation sticker is not required for
3.27 an extension.

3.28 (d) An extension under this subdivision does not alter the registration period for
3.29 subsequent registration renewals. A vehicle subject to an extension under this subdivision
3.30 that is registered on a quarterly basis must subsequently be registered for each quarterly
3.31 registration period that absent this subdivision would:

3.32 (1) conclude during the extension under paragraphs (a) and (b); or

4.1 (2) commence during the extension under paragraphs (a) and (b) if the vehicle is operated
4.2 on public roads more than ten days beyond the start of that quarterly registration period.

4.3 (e) In implementing this subdivision, the commissioner must not make modifications
4.4 to the current motor vehicle information technology system.

4.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.6 Sec. 5. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, is amended by adding a subdivision
4.7 to read:

4.8 **Subd. 4b. Vehicle registration; unregistered vehicles.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota
4.9 Statutes, chapter 168, a vehicle is deemed to be registered during the extension under
4.10 subdivision 4a, paragraphs (a) and (b), if the most recent registration of the vehicle was for
4.11 a quarterly registration period under Minnesota Statutes, section 168.018, that started prior
4.12 to March 1, 2020.

4.13 (b) Subject to paragraph (c), no tax, fee, or surcharge under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
4.14 168, is imposed for purposes of this subdivision.

4.15 (c) This subdivision does not alter the vehicle registration periods. A vehicle subject to
4.16 this subdivision must subsequently be registered for each quarterly registration period:

4.17 (1) that overlaps with the extension under subdivision 4a, paragraphs (a) and (b); and

4.18 (2) during which the vehicle is operated on public roads.

4.19 (d) In implementing this subdivision, the commissioner must not make modifications
4.20 to the current motor vehicle information technology system.

4.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.22 Sec. 6. **REPORT TO LEGISLATURE; POWERS EXERCISED BY**
4.23 **COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION DURING PEACETIME PUBLIC**
4.24 **HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

4.25 (a) Within 30 days of the expiration of a peacetime public health emergency period, the
4.26 commissioner of transportation must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
4.27 over transportation regarding any temporary powers exercised during the peacetime public
4.28 health emergency period, including but not limited to any statutory requirements or
4.29 administrative rules that were modified or waived. The report must include a timeline as to
4.30 when and an explanation of why temporary powers were exercised.

5.1 (b) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency period" means the
5.2 duration of any peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that
5.3 relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19.

5.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.5 **Sec. 7. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE; POWERS EXERCISED BY**
5.6 **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DURING PEACETIME PUBLIC HEALTH**
5.7 **EMERGENCY.**

5.8 (a) Within 30 days of the expiration of a peacetime public health emergency period, the
5.9 chair of the Metropolitan Council must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
5.10 over transportation or the Metropolitan Council regarding any temporary powers exercised
5.11 during the peacetime public health emergency period, including but not limited to any
5.12 statutory requirements or administrative rules that were modified or waived. The report
5.13 must include a timeline as to when and an explanation of why temporary powers were
5.14 exercised.

5.15 (b) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency period" means the
5.16 duration of any peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that
5.17 relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19.

5.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.19 **Sec. 8. EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR TRANSIT FINANCE REPORT.**

5.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4485, subdivision 2, the deadline for
5.21 the metropolitan area transit finance report that is due by October 15, 2020, is extended
5.22 until February 15, 2021.

5.23 **Sec. 9. USE OF FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDS.**

5.24 (a) The commissioner of transportation and the chair of the Metropolitan Council, to
5.25 the extent consistent with federal law and regulations, may use money allocated to the state
5.26 of Minnesota by the Federal Transit Administration under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
5.27 Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, for, but not limited to, the following
5.28 purposes:

5.29 (1) protection equipment for transit operators, including physical barriers, personal
5.30 protective equipment, and cleaning materials;

6.1 (2) safety training for operators who are in close contact with members of the public;

6.2 and

6.3 (3) frequent cleaning of transit vehicles.

6.4 (b) The commissioner of transportation and the chair of the Metropolitan Council must

6.5 report all expenditures made under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

6.6 (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the

6.7 legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy by February

6.8 15, 2021. The report must include the total amount of each expenditure, the purpose of each

6.9 expenditure, and any additional information the commissioner and the chair determine is

6.10 necessary to properly document each expenditure.

6.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.