

CHAPTER 171

DRIVERS' LICENSES AND TRAINING SCHOOLS

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171.01 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 23, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 24. [Repealed, 1993 c 142 s 4]

[For text of subds 25 and 26, see M.S.1992]

NOTE: Subdivision 24 was also amended by Laws 1993, chapter 78, section 3, to read as follows:

"Subd. 24. **Special transportation service.** (a) "Special transportation service" means motor vehicle transportation provided on a regular basis by a public or private entity or person that is designed primarily to serve individuals who are elderly, handicapped, or disabled and who are unable to use regular means of transportation but do not require ambulance service, as defined in section 144.801, subdivision 4.

(b) Special transportation service includes but is not limited to service provided by specially equipped buses, vans, and taxis.

(c) Special transportation service does not include:

(1) transportation provided by a volunteer driver using a private passenger vehicle that belongs to the volunteer; and

(2) services exempted in section 174.30, subdivision 1, clause (c)."

171.02 LICENSES: TYPES, ENDORSEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS.

Subdivision 1. License required. No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted, shall drive any motor vehicle upon any street or highway in this state unless such person has a license valid under the provisions of this chapter for the type or class of vehicle being driven. No person shall receive a driver's license unless and until the person's license from any jurisdiction has been invalidated by the department. The department shall provide to the issuing department of any jurisdiction, information that the licensee is now licensed in Minnesota. No person shall be permitted to have more than one valid driver's license at any time. No person to whom a current Minnesota identification card has been issued may receive a driver's license, other than an instruction permit or a limited license, unless the person's Minnesota identification card has been invalidated by the department.

Subd. 2. Driver's license classifications, endorsements, exemptions. Drivers' licenses shall be classified according to the types of vehicles which may be driven by the holder of each type or class of license. The commissioner may, as appropriate, subdivide the classes listed in this subdivision and issue licenses classified accordingly. No class of license shall be valid to operate a motorcycle, school bus, tank vehicle, double-trailer or triple-trailer combination, vehicle transporting hazardous materials, or bus, unless so endorsed.

There shall be four general classes of licenses as follows:

(a) Class C; valid for:

(1) all farm trucks operated by (i) the owner, (ii) an immediate family member of the owner, (iii) an employee of the owner not primarily employed to operate the farm truck, within 150 miles of the farm, or (iv) an employee of the owner employed during harvest to operate the farm truck for the first, continuous transportation of agricultural products from the production site or on-farm storage site to any other location within 50 miles of that site;

(2) fire trucks and emergency fire equipment, whether or not in excess of 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, operated by a firefighter while on duty, or a tiller operator employed by a fire department who drives the rear portion of a midmount aerial ladder truck;

(3) recreational equipment as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 25, that is operated for personal use; and

(4) all single unit vehicles except vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 26,000 pounds, vehicles designed to carry more than 15 passengers including the driver, and vehicles that carry hazardous materials.

The holder of a class C license may also tow vehicles if the combination of vehicles has a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or less.

(b) Class CC; valid for:

(1) operating class C vehicles;

(2) with a hazardous materials endorsement, transporting hazardous materials in class C vehicles; and

(3) with a school bus endorsement, operating school buses designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver.

(c) Class B; valid for all vehicles in class C, class CC, and all other single unit vehicles including, with a passenger endorsement, buses. The holder of a class B license may tow only vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less.

(d) Class A; valid for any vehicle or combination thereof.

[For text of subds 2a to 4, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 78 s 4; 1993 c 142 s 1; 1993 c 266 s 20

171.03 PERSONS EXEMPT.

The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:

(1) a person in the employ or service of the United States federal government while driving or operating a motor vehicle owned by or leased to the United States federal government, except that only a noncivilian operator of a commercial motor vehicle owned or leased by the United States Department of Defense or the Minnesota national guard is exempt from the requirement to possess a valid commercial motor vehicle driver's license;

(2) any person while driving or operating any farm tractor, or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway, and for purposes of this section an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in section 84.92, subdivision 8, an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in section 84.787, subdivision 7, and an off-road vehicle, as defined in section 84.797, subdivision 7, are not implements of husbandry;

(3) a nonresident who is at least 15 years of age and who has in immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to the nonresident in the home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as a driver;

(4) a nonresident who has in immediate possession a valid commercial driver's license issued by a state in compliance with the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, United States Code, title 49, sections 521, 2304, and 2701 to 2716, and who is operating in Minnesota the class of commercial motor vehicle authorized by the issuing state;

(5) any nonresident who is at least 18 years of age, whose home state or country does not require the licensing of drivers may operate a motor vehicle as a driver, only

for a period of not more than 90 days in any calendar year if the motor vehicle so operated is duly registered for the current calendar year in the home state or country of such nonresident;

(6) any person who becomes a resident of the state of Minnesota and who has in possession a valid driver's license issued to the person under and pursuant to the laws of some other state or province or by military authorities of the United States may operate a motor vehicle as a driver, only for a period of not more than 60 days after becoming a resident of this state without being required to have a Minnesota driver's license as provided in this chapter;

(7) any person who becomes a resident of the state of Minnesota and who has in possession a valid commercial driver's license issued by another state in compliance with the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, United States Code, title 49, sections 521, 2304, and 2701 to 2716, for not more than 30 days after becoming a resident of this state; and

(8) any person operating a snowmobile, as defined in section 84.81.

History: 1993 c 311 art 1 s 14; art 2 s 14

171.06 APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES, PERMITS; FEES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

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

Classified Driver License	C-\$18.50	CC-\$22.50	B-\$29.50	A-\$37.50
Classified Under 21 D.L.	C-\$18.50	CC-\$22.50	B-\$29.50	A-\$17.50
Instruction Permit				\$ 9.50
Duplicate Driver or Under 21 License				\$ 8.00
Minnesota identification card, except as otherwise provided in section 171.07, subdivisions 3 and 3a				\$12.50

Subd. 2a. Fee increased. The fee for any duplicate drivers license which is obtained for the purpose of adding a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement is increased by \$16 for each first such duplicate license and \$13 for each renewal thereof. The additional fee shall be paid into the state treasury and credited as follows:

(1) \$8.50 of the additional fee for each first duplicate license, and \$7 of the additional fee for each renewal, must be credited to the motorcycle safety fund which is hereby created; provided that any fee receipts in excess of \$750,000 in a fiscal year shall be credited 90 percent to the trunk highway fund and ten percent to the general fund, as provided in section 171.26.

(2) The remainder of the additional fee must be credited to the general fund.

All application forms prepared by the commissioner for two-wheeled vehicle endorsements shall clearly contain the information that of the total fee charged for the endorsement, \$7 is dedicated to the motorcycle safety fund.

[For text of subds 3 and 3a, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 4. Application, filing; fee retained for expenses. Any applicant for an instruction permit, a driver's license, restricted license, or duplicate license may file an application with a court administrator of the district court or at a state office. The administrator or state office shall receive and accept the application. To cover all expenses involved in receiving, accepting, or forwarding to the department applications and fees, the court administrator of the district court may retain a county fee of \$3.50 for each application for a Minnesota identification card, instruction permit, duplicate license, driver license, or restricted license. The amount allowed to be retained by the court administrator of the district court shall be paid into the county treasury and credited to the general revenue fund of the county. Before the end of the first working day

following the final day of an established reporting period, the court administrator shall forward to the department all applications and fees collected during the reporting period, less the amount herein allowed to be retained for expenses. The court administrators of the district courts may appoint agents to assist in accepting applications, but the administrators shall require every agent to forward to the administrators by whom the agent is appointed all applications accepted and fees collected by the agent, except that an agent may retain the county fee to cover the agent's expenses involved in receiving, accepting or forwarding the applications and fees. The court administrators shall be responsible for the acts of agents appointed by them and for the forwarding to the department of all applications accepted and those fees collected by agents and by themselves as are required to be forwarded to the department.

History: 1993 c 166 s 1; 1993 c 266 s 21,22

171.07 INFORMATION ON LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

[For text of subds 1 to 8, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 9. Improved security. The commissioner shall develop new drivers' licenses and identification cards, to be issued beginning January 1, 1994, that must be as impervious to alteration as is reasonably practicable in their design and quality of material and technology. The driver's license security laminate shall be made from materials not readily available to the general public. The design and technology employed must enable the driver's license and identification card to be subject to two or more methods of visual verification capable of clearly indicating the presence of tampering or counterfeiting. The driver's license and identification card must not be susceptible to reproduction by photocopying or simulation and must be highly resistant to data or photograph substitution and other tampering.

History: 1993 c 266 s 23

171.10 DUPLICATE LICENSES; VEHICLE ENDORSEMENT.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. Endorsements added. Any person, after applying for or receiving a driver's license and prior to the expiration year of the license, who wishes to have a motorcycle, school bus, tank vehicle, passenger, double-trailer or triple-trailer, or hazardous materials vehicle endorsement added to the license, shall, after taking the necessary examination, apply for a duplicate license and make payment of the proper fee.

History: 1993 c 142 s 2

171.11 DUPLICATE LICENSE; CHANGE OF DOMICILE OR NAME.

When any person, after applying for or receiving a driver's license, shall change permanent domicile from the address named in such application or in the license issued to the person, or shall change a name by marriage or otherwise, such person shall, within 30 days thereafter, apply for a duplicate driver's license upon a form furnished by the department and pay the required fee. The application or duplicate license shall show both the licensee's old address and new address or the former name and new name as the case may be.

History: 1993 c 266 s 24

171.12 DRIVING RECORDS; FILING; PRIVATE DATA; SURCHARGE.

[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 8. Requests for information; surcharge on fee. The commissioner shall impose a surcharge of 50 cents on each fee charged by the commissioner under section 13.03, subdivision 3, for copies or electronic transmittal of public information concerning driver's license and Minnesota identification card applicants. This surcharge only

applies to a fee imposed in responding to a request made in person or by mail, or to a request for transmittal through a computer modem. The surcharge does not apply to the request of an individual for information concerning that individual's driver's license or Minnesota identification card. The commissioner shall forward the surcharges collected under this subdivision to the commissioner of finance on a monthly basis. Upon receipt, the commissioner of finance shall credit the surcharges to the general fund.

History: 1993 c 266 s 25; 1993 c 326 art 11 s 3,4

171.13 EXAMINATION.

Subdivision 1. **Applicants.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall examine each applicant for a driver's license by such agency as the commissioner directs. This examination must include a test of applicant's eyesight; ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; knowledge of traffic laws; knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drugs on a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely and legally; knowledge of railroad grade crossing safety; knowledge of slow-moving vehicle safety; an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle; and other physical and mental examinations as the commissioner finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways, provided, further however, no driver's license shall be denied an applicant on the exclusive grounds that the applicant's eyesight is deficient in color perception. Provided, however, that war veterans operating motor vehicles especially equipped for handicapped persons, shall, if otherwise entitled to a license, be granted such license. The commissioner shall make provision for giving these examinations either in the county where the applicant resides or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the applicant.

[For text of subd 1a, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 1b. **Driver's manual; alcohol consumption.** The commissioner shall include in each edition of the driver's manual published by the department a chapter relating to the effect of alcohol consumption on highway safety and on the ability of drivers to safely operate motor vehicles and a summary of the laws of Minnesota on operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. This chapter shall also include information on the dangers of driving at alcohol concentration levels below the legal limit for alcohol concentration, and specifically state that:

- (1) there is no "safe" level or amount of alcohol that an individual can assume will not impair one's driving performance or increase the risk of a crash;
- (2) a driver may be convicted of driving while impaired whether or not the driver's alcohol concentration exceeds the legal limit for alcohol concentration; and
- (3) a person under the legal drinking age may be convicted of illegally consuming alcohol if found to have consumed any amount of alcohol.

[For text of subds 1c and 1d, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 1e. **Slow-moving vehicles.** The commissioner shall include in each examination under subdivision 1 an examination of the applicant's knowledge of highway safety with respect to approaching, following, and passing slow-moving vehicles and the significance of the slow-moving vehicle emblem.

[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 5. **Examination fee for vehicle endorsement.** Any person applying to secure a motorcycle, school bus, tank vehicle, passenger, double-trailer or triple-trailer, or hazardous materials vehicle endorsement on the person's driver's license shall pay a \$2.50 examination fee at the place of application.

History: 1993 c 142 s 3; 1993 c 187 s 20,21; 1993 c 347 s 13

171.17 REVOCATION.

Subdivision 1. **Offenses.** (a) The department shall immediately revoke the license of a driver upon receiving a record of the driver's conviction of:

(1) manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle or criminal vehicular homicide or injury under section 609.21;

(2) a violation of section 169.121 or 609.487;

(3) a felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle was used;

(4) failure to stop and disclose identity and render aid, as required under section 169.09, in the event of a motor vehicle accident, resulting in the death or personal injury of another;

(5) perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement to the department under any law relating to the ownership or operation of a motor vehicle;

(6) except as this section otherwise provides, three charges of violating within a period of 12 months any of the provisions of chapter 169 or of the rules or municipal ordinances enacted in conformance with chapter 169, for which the accused may be punished upon conviction by imprisonment;

(7) two or more violations, within five years, of the misdemeanor offense described in section 169.444, subdivision 2, paragraph (a);

(8) the gross misdemeanor offense described in section 169.444, subdivision 2, paragraph (b); or

(9) an offense in another state that, if committed in this state, would be grounds for revoking the driver's license.

(b) The department shall immediately revoke the school bus endorsement of a driver upon receiving a record of the driver's conviction of the misdemeanor offense described in section 169.443, subdivision 7.

[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 78 s 5

171.172 REVOCATION; CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES.

The commissioner of public safety shall revoke the driver's license of any person convicted of or any juvenile adjudicated for a controlled substance offense if the court has notified the commissioner of a determination made under section 152.0271 or 260.185, subdivision 1. The period of revocation shall be for the applicable time period specified in section 152.0271. If the person does not have a driver's license or if the person's driver's license is suspended or revoked at the time of the conviction or adjudication, the commissioner shall, upon the person's application for driver's license issuance or reinstatement, delay the issuance or reinstatement of the person's driver's license for the applicable time period specified in section 152.0271.

History: 1993 c 347 s 14

171.173 SUSPENSION; UNDERAGE DRINKING OFFENSES.

The commissioner of public safety shall suspend the driver's license of any person convicted of or any juvenile adjudicated for an offense under section 340A.503, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), if the court has notified the commissioner of a determination made under section 340A.503, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). The period of suspension shall be for the applicable period specified in that paragraph. If the person does not have a driver's license or if the person's driver's license is suspended or revoked at the time of the conviction or adjudication, the commissioner shall, upon the person's application for driver's license issuance or reinstatement, delay the issuance or reinstatement of the person's driver's license for the applicable time period specified in section 340A.503, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). Upon receipt of the court's order, the commissioner is authorized to take the licensing action without a hearing.

History: 1993 c 347 s 15

171.20 LICENSES MUST BE SURRENDERED.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1993 c 266 s 34]

[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.1992]

171.22 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

Subdivision 1. **Violations.** With regard to any driver's license, including a commercial driver's license, it shall be unlawful for any person:

- (1) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession, any:
 - (i) canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license;
 - (ii) driver's license for which the person has been disqualified; or
 - (iii) fictitious or fraudulently altered driver's license or Minnesota identification card;
- (2) to lend the person's driver's license or Minnesota identification card to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;
- (3) to display or represent as one's own any driver's license or Minnesota identification card not issued to that person;
- (4) to use a fictitious name or date of birth to any police officer or in any application for a driver's license or Minnesota identification card, or to knowingly make a false statement, or to knowingly conceal a material fact, or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;
- (5) to alter any driver's license or Minnesota identification card;
- (6) to take any part of the driver's license examination for another or to permit another to take the examination for that person;
- (7) to make a counterfeit driver's license or Minnesota identification card; or
- (8) to use the name and date of birth of another person to any police officer for the purpose of falsely identifying oneself to the police officer.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 266 s 26

171.24 VIOLATIONS; DRIVING WITHOUT VALID LICENSE.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), any person whose driver's license or driving privilege has been canceled, suspended, or revoked and who has been given notice of, or reasonably should know of the revocation, suspension, or cancellation, and who disobeys such order by operating anywhere in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while such license or privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who has been disqualified from holding a commercial driver's license or been denied the privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle, who has been given notice of or reasonably should know of the disqualification, and who disobeys the order by operating in this state a commercial motor vehicle while the person is disqualified to hold the license or privilege, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if:

- (1) the person's driver's license or driving privileges has been canceled under section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (8), and the person has been given notice of or reasonably should know of the cancellation; and
- (2) the person disobeys the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while the person's license or privilege is canceled.

Notice of revocation, suspension, cancellation, or disqualification is sufficient if personally served, or if mailed by first class mail to the person's last known address or to the address listed on the person's driver's license. Notice is also sufficient if the person was informed that revocation, suspension, cancellation, or disqualification would

be imposed upon a condition occurring or failing to occur, and where the condition has in fact occurred or failed to occur. It is not a defense that a person failed to file a change of address with the post office, or failed to notify the department of public safety of a change of name or address as required under section 171.11.

History: 1993 c 347 s 16

171.26 MONEY CREDITED TO FUNDS.

All money received under this chapter must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the trunk highway fund, except as provided in sections 171.06, subdivision 2a; 171.12, subdivision 8; and 171.29, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

History: 1993 c 266 s 27

171.29 REVOKED LICENSE; EXAMINATION FOR NEW LICENSE.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. **Fees, allocation.** (a) A person whose drivers license has been revoked as provided in subdivision 1, except under section 169.121 or 169.123, shall pay a \$30 fee before the person's drivers license is reinstated.

(b) A person whose drivers license has been revoked as provided in subdivision 1 under section 169.121 or 169.123 shall pay a \$250 fee before the person's drivers license is reinstated to be credited as follows:

(1) 20 percent shall be credited to the trunk highway fund;

(2) 55 percent shall be credited to the general fund;

(3) eight percent shall be credited to a separate account to be known as the bureau of criminal apprehension account. Money in this account may be appropriated to the commissioner of public safety and shall be divided as follows: eight percent for laboratory costs; two percent for carrying out the provisions of section 299C.065;

(4) 12 percent shall be credited to a separate account to be known as the alcohol-impaired driver education account. Money in the account may be appropriated to the commissioner of education for programs in elementary and secondary schools; and

(5) five percent shall be credited to a separate account to be known as the traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury account. \$100,000 is annually appropriated from the account to the commissioner of human services for traumatic brain injury case management services. The remaining money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of health to establish and maintain the traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury registry created in section 144.662 and to reimburse the commissioner of jobs and training for the reasonable cost of services provided under section 268A.03, clause (o).

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 224 art 11 s 6

171.30 LIMITED LICENSE.

Subdivision 1. **Conditions of issuance.** In any case where a person's license has been suspended under section 171.18 or 171.173, or revoked under section 169.121, 169.123, 169.792, 169.797, 171.17, or 171.172, the commissioner may issue a limited license to the driver including under the following conditions:

(1) if the driver's livelihood or attendance at a chemical dependency treatment or counseling program depends upon the use of the driver's license;

(2) if the use of a driver's license by a homemaker is necessary to prevent the substantial disruption of the education, medical, or nutritional needs of the family of the homemaker; or

(3) if attendance at a post-secondary institution of education by an enrolled student of that institution depends upon the use of the driver's license.

The commissioner in issuing a limited license may impose such conditions and limitations as in the commissioner's judgment are necessary to the interests of the public safety and welfare including reexamination as to the driver's qualifications. The license may be limited to the operation of particular vehicles, to particular classes and times of operation and to particular conditions of traffic. The commissioner may require that an applicant for a limited license affirmatively demonstrate that use of public transportation or carpooling as an alternative to a limited license would be a significant hardship.

For purposes of this subdivision, "homemaker" refers to the person primarily performing the domestic tasks in a household of residents consisting of at least the person and the person's dependent child or other dependents.

The limited license issued by the commissioner shall clearly indicate the limitations imposed and the driver operating under the limited license shall have the license in possession at all times when operating as a driver.

In determining whether to issue a limited license, the commissioner shall consider the number and the seriousness of prior convictions and the entire driving record of the driver and shall consider the number of miles driven by the driver annually.

If the person's driver's license or permit to drive has been revoked under section 169.792 or 169.797, the commissioner may only issue a limited license to the person after the person has presented an insurance identification card, policy, or written statement indicating that the driver or owner has insurance coverage satisfactory to the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety may require the insurance identification card provided to satisfy this subdivision be certified by the insurance company to be noncancelable for a period not to exceed 12 months.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2a. Other waiting periods. Notwithstanding subdivision 2, a limited license shall not be issued for a period of:

(1) 15 days, to a person whose license or privilege has been revoked or suspended for a violation of section 169.121 or 169.123;

(2) 90 days, to a person who submitted to testing under section 169.123 if the person's license or privilege has been revoked or suspended for a second or subsequent violation of section 169.121 or 169.123;

(3) 180 days, to a person who refused testing under section 169.123 if the person's license or privilege has been revoked or suspended for a second or subsequent violation of section 169.121 or 169.123; or

(4) one year, to a person whose license or privilege has been revoked or suspended for commission of the offense of manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle or criminal vehicular homicide or injury under section 609.21.

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 347 s 17,18

171.305 IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE; PILOT PROGRAM; LICENSE CONDITION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. Pilot program. The commissioner shall establish a statewide pilot program for the use of an ignition interlock device by a person whose driver's license or driving privilege has been canceled and denied by the commissioner for an alcohol or controlled substance related incident. The commissioner shall conduct the program until December 31, 1995. The commissioner shall evaluate the program and shall report to the legislature by February 1, 1995, on whether changes in the program are necessary and whether the program should be permanent. No limited license shall be issued under this program after August 1, 1995.

[For text of subds 3 to 10, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 347 s 19

171.321 QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. Rules; qualifications and training. (a) The commissioner of public safety shall prescribe rules governing the qualifications of individuals to drive school buses. The rules must provide that an applicant for a school bus endorsement or renewal is exempt from the physical qualifications and medical examination required to operate a school bus upon providing evidence of being medically examined and certified within the preceding 24 months as physically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle, pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 391, subpart E, or rules of the commissioner of transportation incorporating those federal regulations.

(b) The commissioner of public safety, in conjunction with the commissioner of education, shall adopt a training program for school bus drivers. Adoption of the program is not subject to chapter 14. The program must provide for initial classroom and behind-the-wheel training, and annual in-service training. The program must provide training in defensive driving, human relations, emergency and accident procedures, vehicle maintenance, traffic laws, and use of safety equipment. The program must provide that the training will be conducted by the contract operator for a school district, the school district, the commissioner of education, a licensed driver training school, or by another person or entity approved by both commissioners.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 57 s 1

171.323 [Repealed, 1993 c 142 s 4]