

171.071 PHOTOGRAPH ON LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

Subdivision 1. **Religious objection.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 171.07, the commissioner of public safety may adopt rules to permit identification on a driver's license or Minnesota identification card in lieu of a photograph or electronically produced image where the commissioner finds that the licensee has religious objections to the use of a photograph or electronically produced image.

Subd. 2. **Certain head wear permitted.** If an accident involving a head injury, serious illness, or treatment of the illness has resulted in hair loss by an applicant for a driver's license or identification card, the commissioner shall permit the applicant to wear a hat or similar head wear in the photograph or electronically produced image. The hat or head wear must be of an appropriate size and type to allow identification of the holder of the license or card and must not obscure the holder's face.

Subd. 3. **Limitations.** Subdivision 1 applies only to a noncompliant license or identification card. Subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to the commissioner's requirements pertaining to a photograph or electronically produced image on an enhanced driver's license or an enhanced identification card.

[See Note.]

History: *Ex1971 c 3 s 95; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1990 c 510 s 7; 1995 c 7 s 1; 2010 c 316 s 13,18; 2017 c 76 s 17*

NOTE: (a) The amendment to subdivision 3 by Laws 2017, chapter 76, section 17, was effective May 19, 2017, and applies to driver's licenses and Minnesota identification cards applied for and issued on or after October 1, 2018. Laws 2017, chapter 76, section 29.

(b) If the Federal REAL ID Act, Public Law 109-13, Division B, is repealed, or if the definition of "official purpose" in Code of Federal Regulations, title 6, part 37, is amended, the amendment to subdivision 3 by Laws 2017, chapter 76, section 17, is repealed on June 30 of the following year. Laws 2017, chapter 76, section 27.