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ARTICLE 5

132.6

INDEPENDENT EXPERT REVIEW

132.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.002, is amended by adding a subdivision
132.8 to read:

132.9 Subd. 12a. **Full-service provider.** "Full-service provider" means a person who is
132.10 appointed by the commissioner as both a deputy registrar under this chapter and a driver's
132.11 license agent under chapter 171 who provides all driver services, excluding International
132.12 Registration Plan and International Fuel Tax Agreement transactions. The commissioner is
132.13 not a full-service provider.

132.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.327, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

132.15 Subdivision 1. **Records and fees.** (a) Upon request by any person authorized in this
132.16 section, the commissioner ~~shall~~ or full-service provider must furnish a certified copy of any
132.17 driver's license record, instruction permit record, Minnesota identification card record,
132.18 vehicle registration record, vehicle title record, or accident record.

132.19 (b) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, and other than accident records
132.20 governed under section 169.09, subdivision 13, the requester ~~shall~~ must pay a fee of \$10
132.21 for each certified record specified in paragraph (a) or a fee of \$9 for each record that is not
132.22 certified.

132.23 (c) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, in addition to the record fee in
132.24 paragraph (b), the fee for a copy of the history of any vehicle title not in electronic format
132.25 is \$1 for each page of the historical record.

132.26 (d) ~~Fees collected under paragraph (b) for driver's license, instruction permit, and
132.27 Minnesota identification card records must be paid into the state treasury with 50 cents of
132.28 each fee credited to the general fund, the remainder of the fees collected must be credited
132.29 to the driver services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705.~~

132.30 (e) ~~Fees (d) Of the fee collected by the commissioner under paragraphs (b) and (c) for
132.31 vehicle registration or title records must be paid into the state treasury with 50 cents of
133.1 each fee credited to must be deposited in the general fund, and the remainder of the fees
133.2 collected must be credited to must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating
133.3 account in the special revenue fund specified in under section 299A.705.~~

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ARTICLE 4

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DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES, DRIVER'S LICENSE AGENTS, AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS (INDEPENDENT EXPERT REVIEW PROVISIONS)

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50.24 paragraph (b), the fee for a copy of the history of any vehicle title not in electronic format
50.25 is \$1 for each page of the historical record.

50.26 (d) ~~Fees~~ Of the fee collected by the commissioner under paragraph (b) for driver's license,
50.27 instruction permit, and Minnesota identification card records, ~~must be paid into the state~~
50.28 ~~treasury with 50 cents of each fee credited to~~ must be deposited in the general fund, and
50.29 the remainder of the fees collected ~~must be credited to~~ must be deposited in the driver and
50.30 vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705. ~~Of~~
50.31 the fee collected by a full-service provider under paragraph (b) for driver's license, instruction
50.32 permit, and Minnesota identification card records, the provider must transmit 50 cents to
51.1 the commissioner to be deposited in the general fund, and the provider must retain the
51.2 remainder.

51.3 (e) ~~Fees~~ Of the fee collected by the commissioner under paragraphs (b) and (c) for vehicle
51.4 registration or title records, ~~must be paid into the state treasury with 50 cents of each fee~~
51.5 ~~credited to must be deposited in the general fund, and the remainder of the fees collected~~
51.6 ~~must be credited to~~ must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account
51.7 in the special revenue fund specified in under section 299A.705. ~~Of the fee collected by a~~
51.8 full-service provider under paragraphs (b) and (c) for vehicle registration or title records,

133.4 (e) Of the fee collected by a full-service provider under paragraphs (b) and (c), the
 133.5 provider must transmit 50 cents of each fee to the commissioner for deposit in the general
 133.6 fund, and the provider must retain the remainder.

133.7 (f) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must permit
 133.8 a person to inquire into a record by the person's own electronic means for a fee of \$4.50 for
 133.9 each inquiry, except that no fee may be charged when the requester is the subject of the
 133.10 data. Of the fee:

133.11 (1) \$2.70 must be deposited in the general fund; and

133.12 (2) ~~for driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card records, the~~
 133.13 ~~remainder must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account in the~~
 133.14 ~~special revenue fund under section 299A.705; and.~~

133.15 ~~(3) for vehicle title or registration records, the remainder must be deposited in the vehicle~~
 133.16 ~~services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705.~~

133.17 (g) Fees and the deposit of the fees for accident records and reports are governed by
 133.18 section 169.09, subdivision 13.

133.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023. Paragraph (a) is effective
 133.20 January 1, 2024, and applies to record requests made on or after that date.

133.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.327, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

133.22 Subd. 2. **Requests for information; surcharge on fee.** (a) Except as otherwise provided
 133.23 in subdivision 3, the commissioner ~~shall~~ or full-service provider must impose a surcharge
 133.24 of 50 cents on each fee charged ~~by the commissioner~~ under section 13.03, subdivision 3,
 133.25 for copies or electronic transmittals of public information about the registration of a vehicle
 133.26 or an applicant, or holder of a driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification
 133.27 card.

133.28 (b) The surcharge only applies to a fee imposed in response to a request made in person
 133.29 ~~or, by mail, or to a request for transmittal through a computer modem online.~~ The surcharge
 133.30 does not apply to the request of an individual for information about that individual's driver's
 133.31 license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card or about vehicles registered or
 133.32 titled in the individual's name.

134.1 (c) The surcharges collected ~~by the commissioner~~ under this subdivision must be credited
 134.2 to the general fund. The surcharges collected by a full-service provider must be transmitted
 134.3 to the commissioner for deposit in the general fund.

134.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to record
 134.5 requests made on or after that date.

51.9 the provider must transmit 50 cents of each fee to the commissioner to be deposited in the
 51.10 general fund, and the provider must retain the remainder.

51.11 (f) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must permit
 51.12 a person to inquire into a record by the person's own electronic means for a fee of \$4.50 for
 51.13 each inquiry, except that no fee may be charged when the requester is the subject of the
 51.14 data. Of the fee collected by the commissioner:

51.15 (1) \$2.70 must be deposited in the general fund;

51.16 (2) for driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card records, the
 51.17 remainder must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account ~~in the~~
 51.18 ~~special revenue fund~~ under section 299A.705; and

51.19 (3) for vehicle title or registration records, the remainder must be deposited in the driver
 51.20 and vehicle services operating account ~~in the special revenue fund~~ under section 299A.705.

51.21 (g) Fees and the deposit of the fees for accident records and reports are governed by
 51.22 section 169.09, subdivision 13.

51.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to record
 51.24 requests made on or after that date.

51.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.327, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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 51.27 in subdivision 3, the commissioner ~~shall~~ or full-service provider must impose a surcharge
 51.28 of 50 cents on each fee charged ~~by the commissioner~~ or full-service provider under section
 51.29 13.03, subdivision 3, for copies or electronic transmittals of public information about the
 51.30 registration of a vehicle or an applicant, or holder of a driver's license, instruction permit,
 51.31 or Minnesota identification card.

52.1 (b) The surcharge only applies to a fee imposed in response to a request made in person
 52.2 ~~or, by mail, or to a request for transmittal through a computer modem online.~~ The surcharge
 52.3 does not apply to the request of an individual for information about that individual's driver's
 52.4 license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card or about vehicles registered or
 52.5 titled in the individual's name. The surcharges collected by a full-service provider must be
 52.6 transmitted to the commissioner to be deposited in the general fund.

52.7 (c) The surcharges collected ~~by the commissioner~~ under this subdivision must be credited
 52.8 to the general fund. The surcharges collected by a full-service provider must be transmitted
 52.9 to the commissioner to be deposited in the general fund.

52.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to record
 52.11 requests made on or after that date.

134.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.327, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

134.7 Subd. 3. **Exception to fee and surcharge.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 2 or section
134.8 13.03, a fee or surcharge may not be imposed in response to a request for public information
134.9 about the registration of a vehicle if the commissioner or full-service provider is satisfied
134.10 that:

134.11 (1) the requester seeks the information on behalf of a community-based, nonprofit
134.12 organization designated by a local law enforcement agency to be a requester; and

134.13 (2) the information is needed to identify suspected prostitution law violators, controlled
134.14 substance law violators, or health code violators.

134.15 (b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ or full-service provider must not require a requester under
134.16 paragraph (a) to make a minimum number of data requests or limit the requester to a
134.17 maximum number of data requests.

134.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to record
134.19 requests made on or after that date.

134.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.327, is amended by adding a subdivision to
134.21 read:

134.22 Subd. 7. **Monitoring and auditing.** The commissioner must monitor and audit the
134.23 furnishing of records by full-service providers under this section to ensure full-service
134.24 providers are complying with this section, chapter 13, and United States Code, title 18,
134.25 section 2721, et seq.

134.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

52.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.327, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

52.13 Subd. 3. **Exception to fee and surcharge.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 2 or section
52.14 13.03, a fee or surcharge may not be imposed in response to a request for public information
52.15 about the registration of a vehicle if the commissioner or full-service provider is satisfied
52.16 that:

52.17 (1) the requester seeks the information on behalf of a community-based, nonprofit
52.18 organization designated by a local law enforcement agency to be a requester; and

52.19 (2) the information is needed to identify suspected prostitution law violators, controlled
52.20 substance law violators, or health code violators.

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52.22 paragraph (a) to make a minimum number of data requests or limit the requester to a
52.23 maximum number of data requests.

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52.25 requests made on or after that date.

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52.29 furnishing of records by full-service providers under this section to ensure full-service
52.30 providers are complying with this section, chapter 13, and United States Code, title 18,
52.31 section 2721, et seq.

53.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

53.2 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

53.3 Subd. 7. **Filing fees and surcharge; allocations.** (a) In addition to all other statutory
53.4 fees and taxes, ~~a filing fee of:~~

53.5 (1) a \$7 filing fee is imposed on every vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate
53.6 transactions; ~~and~~

53.7 (2) a \$7.50 surcharge is imposed on the fee for every vehicle registration renewal,
53.8 excluding pro rate transactions; and

53.9 (3) an \$11 filing fee is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including
53.10 motor carrier fuel licenses under sections 168D.05 and 168D.06, and pro rate transactions.

53.11 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a):

53.12 (1) a filing fee may not be charged for a document returned for a refund or for a correction
53.13 of an error made by the Department of Public Safety, a dealer, or a deputy registrar; and

53.14 (2) no filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a title for a
53.15 vehicle.

53.16 (c) The filing fee and surcharge must be shown as a separate item on all registration
53.17 renewal notices sent out by the commissioner.

53.18 (d) The statutory fees and taxes, and the filing fees and surcharge imposed under
53.19 paragraph (a) may be paid by credit card or debit card. The deputy registrar may collect a
53.20 surcharge on the statutory fees, taxes, statutory surcharge, and filing fee not greater than
53.21 the cost of processing a credit card or debit card transaction, in accordance with emergency
53.22 rules established by the commissioner of public safety. The surcharge authorized by this
53.23 paragraph must be used to pay the cost of processing credit and debit card transactions.

53.24 (e) The fees collected under ~~this subdivision~~ paragraph (a) by the department must be
53.25 allocated as follows:

53.26 (1) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (1):

53.27 (i) \$5.50 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under
53.28 section 299A.705, subdivision 1; and

53.29 (ii) \$1.50 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services technology account under
53.30 section 299A.705, subdivision 3; and

53.31 (2) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause ~~(2)~~ (3):

54.1 (i) \$3.50 must be deposited in the general fund;

54.2 (ii) ~~\$6.00~~ \$6 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account
54.3 under section 299A.705, subdivision 1; and

54.4 (iii) \$1.50 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services technology account under
54.5 section 299A.705, subdivision 3.

54.6 (f) The surcharge collected under paragraph (a), clause (2), must be allocated as follows:

54.7 (1) one-third of the revenue must be deposited in the small cities assistance account
54.8 under section 162.145;

54.9 (2) one-third of the revenue must be deposited in the larger cities assistance account
54.10 under section 162.146; and

54.11 (3) one-third of the revenue must be deposited in the town road account under section
54.12 162.081.

54.13 (g) Notwithstanding apportionment and distribution requirements under section 162.081,
54.14 in fiscal year 2024, \$7,000,000 of the revenue deposited in the town road account under
54.15 paragraph (f), clause (3), must be allocated to a township with a population greater than
54.16 10,000 according to the last two federal decennial censuses.

134.27 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.345, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

134.28 Subd. 2. **Lessees; information.** The commissioner may not furnish information about
 134.29 registered owners of passenger automobiles who are lessees under a lease for a term of 180
 134.30 days or more to any person except the owner of the vehicle, the lessee, personnel of law
 134.31 enforcement agencies and trade associations performing a member service under section
 135.1 604.15, subdivision 4a, and federal, state, and local governmental units, and, at the
 135.2 commissioner's discretion, to persons who use the information to notify lessees of automobile
 135.3 recalls. The commissioner may release information about lessees in the form of summary
 135.4 data, as defined in section 13.02, to persons who use the information in conducting statistical
 135.5 analysis and market research.

135.6 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.09, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

135.7 Subd. 13. **Reports confidential; evidence, fee, penalty, appropriation.** (a) All reports
 135.8 and supplemental information required under this section must be for the use of the
 135.9 commissioner of public safety and other appropriate state, federal, county, and municipal
 135.10 governmental agencies for accident analysis purposes, except:

135.11 (1) upon written request, the commissioner of public safety, a full-service provider as
 135.12 defined in section 171.01, subdivision 33a, or any law enforcement agency ~~shall~~ must
 135.13 disclose the report required under subdivision 8 to:

135.14 (i) any individual involved in the accident, the representative of the individual's estate,
 135.15 or the surviving spouse, or one or more surviving next of kin, or a trustee appointed under
 135.16 section 573.02;

135.17 (ii) any other person injured in person, property, or means of support, or who incurs
 135.18 other pecuniary loss by virtue of the accident;

135.19 (iii) legal counsel of a person described in item (i) or (ii);

135.20 (iv) a representative of the insurer of any person described in item (i) or (ii); or

54.17 (h) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes, a \$1 surcharge is imposed on every
 54.18 online transaction for which filing fees are collected under this subdivision. The proceeds
 54.19 from the surcharge must be deposited in the full-service provider account under section
 54.20 299A.705, subdivision 5.

54.21 (i) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes, a deputy registrar must assess a \$0.50
 54.22 surcharge on every transaction for which filing fees are collected under this subdivision.
 54.23 The surcharge must be (1) deposited in the treasury of the place for which the deputy registrar
 54.24 is appointed, or (2) if the deputy registrar is not a public official, retained by the deputy
 54.25 registrar. For purposes of this paragraph, "deputy registrar" includes a deputy registrar who
 54.26 is a full-service provider.

54.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, except that paragraphs (h)
 54.28 and (i) are effective July 1, 2025.

54.29 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.345, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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 54.31 registered owners of passenger automobiles who are lessees under a lease for a term of 180
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 55.1 enforcement agencies and trade associations performing a member service under section
 55.2 604.15, subdivision 4a, and federal, state, and local governmental units, and, at the
 55.3 commissioner's discretion, to persons who use the information to notify lessees of automobile
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 55.5 data, as defined in section 13.02, to persons who use the information in conducting statistical
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 55.9 and supplemental information required under this section must be for the use of the
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55.18 (ii) any other person injured in person, property, or means of support, or who incurs
 55.19 other pecuniary loss by virtue of the accident;

55.20 (iii) legal counsel of a person described in item (i) or (ii);

55.21 (iv) a representative of the insurer of any person described in item (i) or (ii); or

135.21 (v) a city or county attorney or an attorney representing the state in an implied consent
 135.22 action who is charged with the prosecution of a traffic or criminal offense that is the result
 135.23 of a traffic crash investigation conducted by law enforcement;

135.24 ~~(2)~~ the commissioner of public safety shall, upon written request, provide the driver
 135.25 filing a report under subdivision 7 with a copy of the report filed by the driver;

135.26 ~~(2)~~ the commissioner of public safety may verify with insurance companies vehicle
 135.27 insurance information to enforce sections 65B.48, 169.792, 169.793, 169.796, and 169.797;

135.28 ~~(4)~~ (3) the commissioner of public safety shall must provide the commissioner of
 135.29 transportation the information obtained for each traffic accident involving a commercial
 135.30 motor vehicle, for purposes of administering commercial vehicle safety regulations;

135.31 ~~(5)~~ (4) upon specific request, the commissioner of public safety shall must provide the
 135.32 commissioner of transportation the information obtained regarding each traffic accident
 136.1 involving damage to identified state-owned infrastructure, for purposes of debt collection
 136.2 under section 161.20, subdivision 4; and

136.3 ~~(6)~~ (5) the commissioner of public safety may give to the United States Department of
 136.4 Transportation commercial vehicle accident information in connection with federal grant
 136.5 programs relating to safety.

136.6 (b) Accident reports and data contained in the reports are not discoverable under any
 136.7 provision of law or rule of court. ~~No report shall~~ A report must not be used as evidence in
 136.8 any trial, civil or criminal, or any action for damages or criminal proceedings arising out
 136.9 of an accident. However, the commissioner of public safety shall must furnish, upon the
 136.10 demand of any person who has or claims to have made a report or upon demand of any
 136.11 court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the
 136.12 commissioner solely to prove compliance or failure to comply with the requirements that
 136.13 the report be made to the commissioner.

136.14 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prevents any individual who has made a report under
 136.15 this section from providing information to any individuals involved in an accident or their
 136.16 representatives or from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident,
 136.17 as to facts within the individual's knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render
 136.18 privileged the reports required, but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which
 136.19 the reports relate.

136.20 (d) Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided in
 136.21 this subdivision, section 13.82, subdivision 3 or 6, or other statutes, is a misdemeanor.

136.22 (e) The commissioner of public safety shall or full-service provider as defined in section
 136.23 171.01, subdivision 33a, must charge authorized persons as described in paragraph (a) a \$5
 136.24 fee for a copy of an accident report. Ninety percent of the \$5 fee collected by the
 136.25 commissioner under this paragraph must be deposited in the special revenue fund and
 136.26 credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account established in under section

55.22 (v) a city or county attorney or an attorney representing the state in an implied consent
 55.23 action who is charged with the prosecution of a traffic or criminal offense that is the result
 55.24 of a traffic crash investigation conducted by law enforcement;

55.25 ~~(2)~~ the commissioner of public safety shall, upon written request, provide the driver
 55.26 filing a report under subdivision 7 with a copy of the report filed by the driver;

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 55.28 insurance information to enforce sections 65B.48, 169.792, 169.793, 169.796, and 169.797;

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 55.30 transportation the information obtained for each traffic accident involving a commercial
 55.31 motor vehicle, for purposes of administering commercial vehicle safety regulations;

56.1 ~~(5)~~ (4) upon specific request, the commissioner of public safety shall must provide the
 56.2 commissioner of transportation the information obtained regarding each traffic accident
 56.3 involving damage to identified state-owned infrastructure, for purposes of debt collection
 56.4 under section 161.20, subdivision 4; and

56.5 ~~(6)~~ (5) the commissioner of public safety may give to the United States Department of
 56.6 Transportation commercial vehicle accident information in connection with federal grant
 56.7 programs relating to safety.

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 56.9 provision of law or rule of court. ~~No report shall~~ A report must not be used as evidence in
 56.10 any trial, civil or criminal, or any action for damages or criminal proceedings arising out
 56.11 of an accident. However, the commissioner of public safety shall must furnish, upon the
 56.12 demand of any person who has or claims to have made a report or upon demand of any
 56.13 court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the
 56.14 commissioner solely to prove compliance or failure to comply with the requirements that
 56.15 the report be made to the commissioner.

56.16 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prevents any individual who has made a report under
 56.17 this section from providing information to any individuals involved in an accident or their
 56.18 representatives or from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident,
 56.19 as to facts within the individual's knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render
 56.20 privileged the reports required, but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which
 56.21 the reports relate.

56.22 (d) Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided in
 56.23 this subdivision, section 13.82, subdivision 3 or 6, or other statutes, is a misdemeanor.

56.24 (e) The commissioner of public safety shall or full-service provider as defined in section
 56.25 171.01, subdivision 33a, must charge authorized persons as described in paragraph (a) a \$5
 56.26 fee for a copy of an accident report. Ninety percent of the \$5 fee collected by the
 56.27 commissioner under this paragraph must be deposited in the special revenue fund and
 56.28 credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account established in section 299A.705

136.27 299A.705 and ten percent must be deposited in the general fund. Of the \$5 fee collected by
 136.28 a full-service provider, the provider must transmit 50 cents to the commissioner for deposit
 136.29 in the general fund, and the provider must retain the remainder. The commissioner may also
 136.30 furnish an electronic copy of the database of accident records, which must not contain
 136.31 personal or private data on an individual, to private agencies as provided in paragraph (g),
 136.32 for not less than the cost of preparing the copies on a bulk basis as provided in section 13.03,
 136.33 subdivision 3.

137.1 (f) The fees specified in paragraph (e) notwithstanding, the commissioner and law
 137.2 enforcement agencies ~~shall~~ must charge commercial users who request access to response
 137.3 or incident data relating to accidents a fee not to exceed 50 cents per record. "Commercial
 137.4 user" is a user who in one location requests access to data in more than five accident reports
 137.5 per month, unless the user establishes that access is not for a commercial purpose. Of the
 137.6 money collected by the commissioner under this paragraph, 90 percent must be deposited
 137.7 ~~in the special revenue fund and credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account~~
 137.8 ~~established in~~ under section 299A.705 and ten percent must be deposited in the general
 137.9 fund.

137.10 (g) The fees in paragraphs (e) and (f) notwithstanding, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must
 137.11 provide an electronic copy of the accident records database to the public on a case-by-case
 137.12 basis using the cost-recovery charges provided for under section 13.03, subdivision 3. The
 137.13 database provided must not contain personal or private data on an individual. However,
 137.14 unless the accident records database includes the vehicle identification number, the
 137.15 commissioner ~~shall~~ must include the vehicle registration plate number if a private agency
 137.16 certifies and agrees that the agency:

137.17 (1) is in the business of collecting accident and damage information on vehicles;

137.18 (2) will use the vehicle registration plate number only for identifying vehicles that have
 137.19 been involved in accidents or damaged, to provide this information to persons seeking access
 137.20 to a vehicle's history and not for identifying individuals or for any other purpose; and

137.21 (3) will be subject to the penalties and remedies under sections 13.08 and 13.09.

137.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023. Paragraph (a) is effective
 137.23 January 1, 2024, and applies to report disclosures made on or after that date.

137.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 137.25 read:

137.26 Subd. 20. **Monitoring and auditing.** The commissioner must monitor and audit the
 137.27 furnishing of records by full-service providers under this section to ensure full-service
 137.28 providers are complying with this section, chapter 13, and United States Code, title 18,
 137.29 section 2721, et seq.

137.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

56.29 and ten percent must be deposited in the general fund. Of the \$5 fee collected by a full-service
 56.30 provider, the provider must transmit 50 cents to the commissioner to be deposited into the
 56.31 general fund, and the provider must retain the remainder. The commissioner may also furnish
 56.32 an electronic copy of the database of accident records, which must not contain personal or
 56.33 private data on an individual, to private agencies as provided in paragraph (g), for not less
 57.1 than the cost of preparing the copies on a bulk basis as provided in section 13.03, subdivision
 57.2 3.

57.3 (f) The fees specified in paragraph (e) notwithstanding, the commissioner and law
 57.4 enforcement agencies ~~shall~~ must charge commercial users who request access to response
 57.5 or incident data relating to accidents a fee not to exceed 50 cents per record. "Commercial
 57.6 user" is a user who in one location requests access to data in more than five accident reports
 57.7 per month, unless the user establishes that access is not for a commercial purpose. Of the
 57.8 money collected by the commissioner under this paragraph, 90 percent must be deposited
 57.9 ~~in the special revenue fund and credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account~~
 57.10 ~~established in~~ under section 299A.705 and ten percent must be deposited in the general
 57.11 fund.

57.12 (g) The fees in paragraphs (e) and (f) notwithstanding, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must
 57.13 provide an electronic copy of the accident records database to the public on a case-by-case
 57.14 basis using the cost-recovery charges provided for under section 13.03, subdivision 3. The
 57.15 database provided must not contain personal or private data on an individual. However,
 57.16 unless the accident records database includes the vehicle identification number, the
 57.17 commissioner ~~shall~~ must include the vehicle registration plate number if a private agency
 57.18 certifies and agrees that the agency:

57.19 (1) is in the business of collecting accident and damage information on vehicles;

57.20 (2) will use the vehicle registration plate number only for identifying vehicles that have
 57.21 been involved in accidents or damaged, to provide this information to persons seeking access
 57.22 to a vehicle's history and not for identifying individuals or for any other purpose; and

57.23 (3) will be subject to the penalties and remedies under sections 13.08 and 13.09.

57.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to record
 57.25 requests made on or after that date.

57.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 57.27 read:

57.28 Subd. 20. **Monitoring and auditing.** The commissioner must monitor and audit the
 57.29 furnishing of records by full-service providers under this section to ensure full-service
 57.30 providers are complying with this section, chapter 13, and United States Code, title 18,
 57.31 section 2721, et seq.

57.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

138.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
138.2 read:

138.3 Subd. 33a. **Full-service provider.** "Full-service provider" has the meaning given in
138.4 section 168.002, subdivision 12a.

138.5 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to
138.6 read:

138.7 Subd. 12. **Preapplication.** The commissioner must establish a process for an applicant
138.8 to submit an electronic preapplication for a driver's license or identification card. The
138.9 commissioner must design the preapplication so that the applicant must enter information
138.10 required for the application. The preapplication process must generate a list of documents
138.11 the applicant is required to submit in person at the time of the application. At the time an
138.12 individual schedules an appointment to apply for a driver's license or identification card,
138.13 the commissioner, full-service provider, or driver's license agent who is scheduling the
138.14 appointment must provide to the applicant a link to the preapplication website.

138.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.061, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

138.16 Subd. 4. **Fee; equipment.** (a) The agent may charge and retain a filing fee of ~~\$8~~ for each
138.17 application- as follows:

- 138.18 (1) New application for a noncompliant, REAL ID-compliant, or \$ 16.00
- 138.19 enhanced driver's license or identification card
- 138.20 (2) Renewal application for a noncompliant, REAL ID-compliant, or \$ 11.00
- 138.21 enhanced driver's license or identification card

138.22 Except as provided in paragraph (c), the fee ~~shall~~ must cover all expenses involved in
138.23 receiving, accepting, or forwarding to the department the applications and fees required
138.24 under sections 171.02, subdivision 3; 171.06, subdivisions 2 and 2a; and 171.07, subdivisions
138.25 3 and 3a.

138.26 (b) The statutory fees and the filing fees imposed under paragraph (a) may be paid by
138.27 credit card or debit card. The driver's license agent may collect a convenience fee on the
138.28 statutory fees and filing fees not greater than the cost of processing a credit card or debit
138.29 card transaction. The convenience fee must be used to pay the cost of processing credit card
138.30 and debit card transactions. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must adopt rules to administer this
138.31 paragraph using the exempt procedures of section 14.386, except that section 14.386,
138.32 paragraph (b), does not apply.

58.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
58.2 read:

58.3 Subd. 33a. **Full-service provider.** "Full-service provider" has the meaning given in
58.4 section 168.002, subdivision 12a.

58.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to
58.6 read:

58.7 Subd. 12. **Preapplication.** (a) The commissioner must establish a process for an applicant
58.8 to submit an electronic preapplication for a driver's license or identification card. The
58.9 commissioner must design the preapplication so that the applicant must enter information
58.10 required for the application. The preapplication process must generate a list of documents
58.11 the applicant is required to submit in person at the time of the application. At the time an
58.12 individual schedules an appointment to apply for a driver's license or identification card,
58.13 the commissioner, full-service provider, or driver's license agent who is scheduling the
58.14 appointment must provide to the applicant a link to the preapplication website.

58.15 (b) An applicant who submitted a preapplication is required to appear in person before
58.16 the commissioner, a full-service provider, or a driver's license agent to submit a completed
58.17 application for the driver's license or identification card.

58.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

58.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.061, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

58.20 Subd. 4. **Fee; equipment.** (a) The agent may charge and retain a filing fee of ~~\$8~~ for each
58.21 application- as follows:

- 58.22 (1) New application for a noncompliant, REAL ID-compliant, or \$ 16.00
- 58.23 enhanced driver's license or identification card
- 58.24 (2) Renewal application for a noncompliant, REAL ID-compliant, or \$ 11.00
- 58.25 enhanced driver's license or identification card

58.26 Except as provided in paragraph (c), the fee ~~shall~~ must cover all expenses involved in
58.27 receiving, accepting, or forwarding to the department the applications and fees required
58.28 under sections 171.02, subdivision 3; 171.06, subdivisions 2 and 2a; and 171.07, subdivisions
58.29 3 and 3a.

58.30 (b) The statutory fees and the filing fees imposed under paragraph (a) may be paid by
58.31 credit card or debit card. The driver's license agent may collect a convenience fee on the
58.32 statutory fees and filing fees not greater than the cost of processing a credit card or debit
58.33 card transaction. The convenience fee must be used to pay the cost of processing credit card
59.1 and debit card transactions. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must adopt rules to administer this
59.2 paragraph using the exempt procedures of section 14.386, except that section 14.386,
59.3 paragraph (b), does not apply.

139.1 (c) The department shall maintain the photo identification equipment for all agents
 139.2 appointed as of January 1, 2000. Upon the retirement, resignation, death, or discontinuance
 139.3 of an existing agent, and if a new agent is appointed in an existing office pursuant to
 139.4 Minnesota Rules, chapter 7404, and notwithstanding the above or Minnesota Rules, part
 139.5 7404.0400, the department shall provide and maintain photo identification equipment without
 139.6 additional cost to a newly appointed agent in that office if the office was provided the
 139.7 equipment by the department before January 1, 2000. All photo identification equipment
 139.8 must be compatible with standards established by the department.

139.9 (d) A filing fee retained by the agent employed by a county board must be paid into the
 139.10 county treasury and credited to the general revenue fund of the county. An agent who is not
 139.11 an employee of the county ~~shall~~ must retain the filing fee in lieu of county employment or
 139.12 salary and is considered an independent contractor for pension purposes, coverage under
 139.13 the Minnesota State Retirement System, or membership in the Public Employees Retirement
 139.14 Association.

139.15 (e) Before the end of the first working day following the final day of the reporting period
 139.16 established by the department, the agent must forward to the department all applications
 139.17 and fees collected during the reporting period except as provided in paragraph (d).

139.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2023, and applies to
 139.19 applications made on or after that date.

139.20 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.0705, is amended by adding a subdivision
 139.21 to read:

139.22 Subd. 11. Manual and study material availability. The commissioner must publish
 139.23 the driver's manual and study support materials for the written exam and skills exam. The
 139.24 study support materials must focus on the subjects and skills that are most commonly failed
 139.25 by exam takers. The commissioner must ensure that the driver's manual and study support
 139.26 materials are easily located and are available for no cost.

59.4 (c) The department ~~shall~~ must maintain the photo identification and vision examination
 59.5 equipment for all agents ~~appointed as of January 1, 2000. Upon the retirement, resignation,~~
 59.6 ~~death, or discontinuance of an existing agent, and if a new agent is appointed in an existing~~
 59.7 ~~office pursuant to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7404, and notwithstanding the above or~~
 59.8 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 7404.0400, the department shall provide and maintain photo~~
 59.9 ~~identification equipment without additional cost to a newly appointed agent in that office~~
 59.10 ~~if the office was provided the equipment by the department before January 1, 2000. All~~
 59.11 photo identification and vision examination equipment must be compatible with standards
 59.12 established by the department.

59.13 (d) A filing fee retained by the agent employed by a county board must be paid into the
 59.14 county treasury and credited to the general revenue fund of the county. An agent who is not
 59.15 an employee of the county ~~shall~~ must retain the filing fee in lieu of county employment or
 59.16 salary and is considered an independent contractor for pension purposes, coverage under
 59.17 the Minnesota State Retirement System, or membership in the Public Employees Retirement
 59.18 Association.

59.19 (e) Before the end of the first working day following the final day of the reporting period
 59.20 established by the department, the agent must forward to the department all applications
 59.21 and fees collected during the reporting period except as provided in paragraph (d).

59.22 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2023, and applies to
 59.23 applications made on or after that date.

59.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.0705, is amended by adding a subdivision
 59.25 to read:

59.26 Subd. 11. Manual and study material availability. The commissioner must publish
 59.27 the driver's manual and study support materials for the written exam and skills exam. The
 59.28 study support materials must focus on the subjects and skills that are most commonly failed
 59.29 by exam takers. The commissioner must ensure that the driver's manual and study support
 59.30 materials are easily located and are available for no cost.

59.31 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023.

60.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.12, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

60.2 Subd. 1a. **Driver and vehicle services information system; security and auditing.** (a)
 60.3 The commissioner must establish written procedures to ensure that only individuals
 60.4 authorized by law may enter, update, or access not public data collected, created, or
 60.5 maintained by the driver and vehicle services information system. An authorized individual's
 60.6 ability to enter, update, or access data in the system must correspond to the official duties
 60.7 or training level of the individual and to the statutory authorization granting access for that
 60.8 purpose. All queries and responses, and all actions in which data are entered, updated,
 60.9 accessed, shared, or disseminated, must be recorded in a data audit trail. Data contained in
 60.10 the audit trail are public to the extent the data are not otherwise classified by law.

60.11 ~~(b) If the commissioner must immediately and permanently revoke the authorization of~~
 60.12 ~~any~~ determines that an individual who willfully entered, updated, accessed, shared, or
 60.13 disseminated data in violation of state or federal law, the commissioner must impose
 60.14 disciplinary action. If an individual willfully gained access to data without authorization by
 60.15 law, the commissioner must forward the matter to the appropriate prosecuting authority for
 60.16 prosecution. The commissioner must not impose disciplinary action against an individual
 60.17 who properly accessed data to complete an authorized transaction or to resolve an issue that
 60.18 did not result in a completed authorized transaction.

60.19 (c) The commissioner must establish a process that allows an individual who was subject
 60.20 to disciplinary action to appeal the action. If the commissioner imposes disciplinary action,
 60.21 the commissioner must notify the individual in writing of the action, explain the reason for
 60.22 the action, and explain how to appeal the action. The commissioner must transmit the
 60.23 notification within five calendar days of the action.

60.24 (d) The commissioner must arrange for an independent biennial audit of the driver and
 60.25 vehicle services information system to determine whether data currently in the system are
 60.26 classified correctly, how the data are used, and to verify compliance with this subdivision.
 60.27 The results of the audit are public. No later than 30 days following completion of the audit,
 60.28 the commissioner must provide a report summarizing the audit results to the commissioner
 60.29 of administration; the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house
 60.30 of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance,
 60.31 public safety, and data practices; and the Legislative Commission on Data Practices and
 60.32 Personal Data Privacy. The report must be submitted as required under section 3.195, except
 60.33 that printed copies are not required.

61.1 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "disciplinary action" means a formal or informal
 61.2 disciplinary measure, including but not limited to requiring corrective action or suspending
 61.3 or revoking the individual's access to the driver and vehicle information system.

61.4 (f) An individual whose access was permanently revoked under this section between
 61.5 October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2023, based on the commissioner's determination that
 61.6 the individual willfully entered, updated, accessed, shared, or disseminated data in violation
 61.7 of state or federal law, may apply to the commissioner for reinstatement of their access. An
 61.8 individual convicted of a crime related to the conduct that resulted in permanent revocation
 61.9 of their access is ineligible to reapply for access under this section. Any individual reapplying
 61.10 for access must submit the request in writing to the commissioner no later than June 30,
 61.11 2024, and the request must contain:

61.12 (1) written documentation that demonstrates the individual is currently employed at an
 61.13 agency or entity that requires access for the employee to conduct their work duties;

61.14 (2) written documentation that demonstrates the individual is in compliance with all
 61.15 existing requirements to be considered eligible for access, including completion of required
 61.16 background checks;

139.27 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

139.28 Subdivision 1. **Examination subjects and locations; provisions for color blindness,**

139.29 **disabled veterans.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner ~~shall~~

139.30 **must** examine each applicant for a driver's license by such agency as the commissioner

139.31 directs. This examination must include:

140.1 (1) a test of the applicant's eyesight, provided that this requirement is met by submission

140.2 of a vision examination certificate under section 171.06, subdivision 7;

140.3 (2) a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating,

140.4 warning, and directing traffic;

140.5 (3) a test of the applicant's knowledge of (i) traffic laws; (ii) the effects of alcohol and

140.6 drugs on a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely and legally, and of the legal

140.7 penalties and financial consequences resulting from violations of laws prohibiting the

140.8 operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; (iii) railroad

140.9 grade crossing safety; (iv) slow-moving vehicle safety; (v) laws relating to pupil

140.10 transportation safety, including the significance of school bus lights, signals, stop arm, and

140.11 passing a school bus; (vi) traffic laws related to bicycles; and (vii) the circumstances and

140.12 dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning;

140.13 (4) an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the

140.14 operation of a motor vehicle; and

140.15 (5) other physical and mental examinations as the commissioner finds necessary to

140.16 determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways.

140.17 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner must not deny an application for

140.18 a driver's license based on the exclusive grounds that the applicant's eyesight is deficient in

61.17 (3) a signed statement from their employer acknowledging the employer is aware that

61.18 the individual's access was previously revoked and any future violations of state or federal

61.19 law may again result in permanent revocation of access; and

61.20 (4) a signed statement from the individual describing:

61.21 (i) their understanding of appropriate use of the system data under state and federal laws;

61.22 and

61.23 (ii) the remedial steps they have taken to ensure no future misuse occurs.

61.24 The commissioner must respond in writing to the individual's request for access within 90

61.25 days of receipt of the request. The commissioner's decision under this section is final and

61.26 an individual applying under this section is not entitled to further review.

61.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2023. Paragraphs (b), (c),

61.28 and (e) apply to audits of data use that are open on or after October 1, 2023. Paragraph (f)

61.29 is effective October 1, 2023, and applies to requests made on or after that date.

61.30 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.31 Subdivision 1. **Examination subjects and locations; provisions for color blindness,**

61.32 **disabled veterans.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner ~~shall~~

62.1 **must** examine each applicant for a driver's license by such agency as the commissioner

62.2 directs. This examination must include:

62.3 (1) a test of the applicant's eyesight, provided that this requirement is met by submission

62.4 of a vision examination certificate under section 171.06, subdivision 7;

62.5 (2) a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating,

62.6 warning, and directing traffic;

62.7 (3) a test of the applicant's knowledge of (i) traffic laws; (ii) the effects of alcohol and

62.8 drugs on a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely and legally, and of the legal

62.9 penalties and financial consequences resulting from violations of laws prohibiting the

62.10 operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; (iii) railroad

62.11 grade crossing safety; (iv) slow-moving vehicle safety; (v) laws relating to pupil

62.12 transportation safety, including the significance of school bus lights, signals, stop arm, and

62.13 passing a school bus; (vi) traffic laws related to bicycles; and (vii) the circumstances and

62.14 dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning;

62.15 (4) an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the

62.16 operation of a motor vehicle; and

62.17 (5) other physical and mental examinations as the commissioner finds necessary to

62.18 determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways.

62.19 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner must not deny an application for

62.20 a driver's license based on the exclusive grounds that the applicant's eyesight is deficient in

140.19 color perception or that the applicant has been diagnosed with diabetes mellitus. War veterans
 140.20 operating motor vehicles especially equipped for disabled persons, if otherwise entitled to
 140.21 a license, must be granted such license.

140.22 (c) The commissioner shall make provision for giving the examinations under this
 140.23 subdivision either in the county where the applicant resides or at a place adjacent thereto
 140.24 reasonably convenient to the applicant.

140.25 (d) The commissioner shall ensure that an applicant is able to obtain an appointment for
 140.26 an examination to demonstrate ability under paragraph (a), clause (4), within 14 days of the
 140.27 applicant's request if, under the applicable statutes and rules of the commissioner, the
 140.28 applicant is eligible to take the examination.

140.29 (e) The commissioner must provide real-time information on the department's website
 140.30 about the availability and location of exam appointments. The website must show the next
 140.31 available exam dates and times for each exam station. The website must also provide an
 140.32 option for a person to enter an address to see the date and time of the next available exam
 140.33 at each exam station sorted by distance from the address provided.

141.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

62.21 color perception or that the applicant has been diagnosed with diabetes mellitus. War veterans
 62.22 operating motor vehicles especially equipped for disabled persons, if otherwise entitled to
 62.23 a license, must be granted such license.

62.24 ~~(e) The commissioner shall make provision for giving the examinations under this~~
 62.25 ~~subdivision either in the county where the applicant resides or at a place adjacent thereto~~
 62.26 ~~reasonably convenient to the applicant.~~

62.27 ~~(d) The commissioner shall ensure that an applicant is able to obtain an appointment for~~
 62.28 ~~an examination to demonstrate ability under paragraph (a), clause (4), within 14 days of the~~
 62.29 ~~applicant's request if, under the applicable statutes and rules of the commissioner, the~~
 62.30 ~~applicant is eligible to take the examination.~~

62.31 (c) The commissioner must ensure that no fewer than the following number of exam
 62.32 station locations are available:

62.33 (1) after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2024, 93 exam stations;

63.1 (2) after July 1, 2024, and before July 1, 2025, 83 exam stations;

63.2 (3) after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2026, 73 exam stations; and

63.3 (4) after July 1, 2026, and thereafter, 60 exam stations.

63.4 The commissioner must ensure that an applicant may take an exam either in the county
 63.5 where the applicant resides or in an adjacent county at a reasonably convenient location.

63.6 The schedule for each exam station must be posted on the department's website.

63.7 (d) A located exam station must be open a minimum of one day per week.

63.8 (e) The commissioner must provide real-time information on the department's website
 63.9 about the availability and location of exam appointments. The website must show the next
 63.10 available exam dates and times for each exam station. The website must also provide an
 63.11 option for a person to enter an address to see the date and time of the next available exam
 63.12 at each exam station sorted by distance from the address provided. The information must
 63.13 be easily accessible and must not require a person to sign in or provide any other information,
 63.14 except an address, in order to see available exam dates.

63.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023. Paragraph (d) is effective
 63.16 July 1, 2026. Paragraph (e) is effective January 1, 2024.

141.2 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

141.3 Subd. 1a. **Waiver when license issued by another jurisdiction.** (a) If the commissioner
 141.4 determines that an applicant for a driver's license is 21 years of age or older and possesses
 141.5 a valid driver's license issued by another state or jurisdiction that requires a comparable
 141.6 examination to obtain a driver's license, the commissioner ~~may~~ must waive the requirement
 141.7 requirements that the applicant pass a knowledge examination and demonstrate ability to
 141.8 exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle ~~on determining~~
 141.9 that the applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued by a jurisdiction that requires a
 141.10 comparable demonstration for license issuance.

141.11 (b) If the commissioner determines that an applicant for a two-wheeled vehicle
 141.12 endorsement is 21 years of age or older and possesses a valid driver's license with a
 141.13 two-wheeled vehicle endorsement issued by another state or jurisdiction that requires a
 141.14 comparable examination to obtain an endorsement, the commissioner must waive the
 141.15 requirements with respect to the endorsement that the applicant pass a knowledge examination
 141.16 and demonstrate the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of
 141.17 a motor vehicle.

141.18 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "jurisdiction" includes, but is not limited to, both
 141.19 the active and reserve components of any branch or unit of the United States armed forces,
 141.20 and "valid driver's license" includes any driver's license that is recognized by that branch
 141.21 or unit as currently being valid, or as having been valid at the time of the applicant's
 141.22 separation or discharge from the military within a period of time deemed reasonable and
 141.23 fair by the commissioner, up to and including one year past the date of the applicant's
 141.24 separation or discharge.

141.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to applications
 141.26 made on or after that date.

141.27 Sec. 15. **[171.375] STUDENT PASS RATE.**

141.28 (a) For each driver training school, the commissioner must determine the percentage of
 141.29 students from that school who pass the written exam or road test on the student's first attempt,
 141.30 second attempt, or third or subsequent attempt. The commissioner must publicly post the
 141.31 information collected under this section on the department's website. At a minimum, the
 141.32 commissioner must update this information on the department's website at least every six
 141.33 months. The information must be searchable by the name of a school or a location.

142.1 (b) By January 1 and July 1 of each year, each driver training school must provide to
 142.2 the commissioner a list of all students who completed coursework at the school during the
 142.3 previous six months.

63.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

63.18 Subd. 1a. **Waiver when license issued by another jurisdiction.** (a) If the commissioner
 63.19 determines that an applicant 21 years of age or older possesses a valid driver's license issued
 63.20 by another state, United States territory, or jurisdiction that requires a comparable
 63.21 examination for obtaining a driver's license, the commissioner ~~may~~ must waive the
 63.22 requirement requirements that the applicant pass a written knowledge examination and
 63.23 demonstrate ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor
 63.24 vehicle ~~on determining that the applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued by a~~
 63.25 jurisdiction that requires a comparable demonstration for license issuance.

63.26 (b) If the commissioner determines that an applicant 21 years of age or older possesses
 63.27 a valid driver's license with a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement issued by another state,
 63.28 United States territory, or jurisdiction that requires a comparable examination for obtaining
 63.29 the endorsement, the commissioner must waive the requirements that the applicant for a
 63.30 two-wheeled vehicle endorsement pass a written knowledge examination and demonstrate
 63.31 the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.

64.1 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "jurisdiction" includes, but is not limited to, both
 64.2 the active and reserve components of any branch or unit of the United States armed forces,
 64.3 and "valid driver's license" includes any driver's license that is recognized by that branch
 64.4 or unit as currently being valid, or as having been valid at the time of the applicant's
 64.5 separation or discharge from the military within a period of time deemed reasonable and
 64.6 fair by the commissioner, up to and including one year past the date of the applicant's
 64.7 separation or discharge.

64.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to applications
 64.9 made on or after that date.

64.10 Sec. 17. **[171.375] STUDENT PASS RATE.**

64.11 (a) For each driver training school, the commissioner must determine the percentage of
 64.12 students from that school who pass the written exam or road test on the student's first attempt,
 64.13 second attempt, or third or subsequent attempt. The commissioner must publicly post the
 64.14 information collected under this section on the department's website. At a minimum, the
 64.15 commissioner must update this information on the department's website at least every six
 64.16 months. The information must be searchable by the name of a school or a location.

64.17 (b) By January 1 and July 1 of each year, each driver training school must provide to
 64.18 the commissioner a list of all students who completed coursework at the school during the
 64.19 previous six months.

64.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective January 1, 2024. Paragraph (b) is
 64.21 effective July 1, 2024, and applies to lists submitted on or after that date.

65.20 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.705, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

65.21 Subd. 3. **Driver and vehicle services technology account.** (a) The driver and vehicle
65.22 services technology account is created in the ~~special revenue~~ driver and vehicle services
65.23 fund, consisting of the technology surcharge collected as specified in chapters 168, 168A,
65.24 and 171; the filing fee revenue collected under section 168.33, subdivision 7; and any other
65.25 money donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the account.

65.26 (b) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety
65.27 for the development, deployment, and maintenance of the driver and vehicle services
65.28 information systems.

65.29 (c) By January 15 of each year, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and
65.30 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation
65.31 policy and finance concerning the account, which must include information on (1) total
66.1 revenue deposited in the driver and vehicle services technology account, with a breakdown
66.2 by sources of funds; and (2) an estimate of ongoing system maintenance costs, including a
66.3 breakdown of the amounts spent by category.

66.4 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.705, is amended by adding a subdivision
66.5 to read:

66.6 Subd. 5. **Full-service provider account.** (a) The full-service provider account is created
66.7 in the driver and vehicle services fund, consisting of surcharges described in section 168.33,
66.8 subdivision 7, and any other money donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to
66.9 the account.

66.10 (b) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety
66.11 to distribute to full-service providers, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 12a, and
66.12 deputy registrars. The commissioner must distribute the money in the account as quarterly
66.13 payments to each full-service provider and deputy registrar that was in operation during the
66.14 previous quarter based proportionally on the total number of transactions completed by each
66.15 full-service provider and deputy registrar. For the purposes of the distribution calculation
66.16 in this paragraph, the number of transactions completed by a deputy registrar must first be
66.17 multiplied by 0.2.

66.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, and the first quarterly
66.19 distribution must be made on or before October 15, 2023.

66.20 Sec. 22. **REPORT; DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND DRIVER'S LICENSE AGENT**
66.21 **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY.**

66.22 By July 1, 2024, the commissioner of public safety must report to the chairs and ranking
66.23 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance
66.24 and policy an evaluation of deputy registrar and driver's license agent operations in the

- 66.25 vehicle registration and driver's licensing system. The commissioner must engage with
66.26 stakeholders in preparing and developing the report. The report, at a minimum, must:
- 66.27 (1) evaluate the current performance and impact of the quality of services provided by
66.28 private deputy registrars and driver's license agents to the residents of Minnesota;
- 66.29 (2) evaluate and make recommendations on how to implement financial sustainability
66.30 for private deputy registrars;
- 66.31 (3) detail the amount of financial assistance necessary to sustain a permanent role for
66.32 private deputy registrars and driver's license agents;
- 67.1 (4) explain each proposed model of financial assistance or support for deputy registrars;
- 67.2 (5) detail a five-, ten-, and 20-year analysis on the role of deputy registrars and driver's
67.3 license agents in the vehicle registration and driver's licensing system;
- 67.4 (6) evaluate and make recommendations on the long-term and market-rate financial
67.5 assistance necessary to transition away from private deputy registrars and driver's license
67.6 agents;
- 67.7 (7) explain and make recommendations on proposed legislation on the Division of Driver
67.8 and Vehicle Services assuming all of the services provided by private deputy registrars and
67.9 driver's license agents;
- 67.10 (8) identify and evaluate whether the Division of Driver and Vehicle Services has
67.11 sufficient financial resources to assume all the services provided by private deputy registrars
67.12 and driver's license agents; and
- 67.13 (9) propose legislation and make recommendations on fees and appropriations needed
67.14 for the Division of Driver and Vehicle Services to assume all services provided by deputy
67.15 registrars and driver's license agents.
- 67.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 67.17 **Sec. 23. REPORT; DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS.**
- 67.18 (a) By January 15, 2024, the commissioner of public safety must report to the chairs and
67.19 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation
67.20 finance and policy on driver and vehicle services recommendations and operations. The
67.21 report must:
- 67.22 (1) review recommendations from the independent expert review of driver and vehicle
67.23 services issued January 12, 2022, as identified under paragraph (b);
- 67.24 (2) review the recommendations made to the commissioner in the legislative auditor's
67.25 report on driver examination stations issued in March 2021;

- 67.26 (3) provide the commissioner's plan for exam station locations, including how many
67.27 exam stations will remain open and the locations of the exam stations;
- 67.28 (4) identify whether any limited driver's license agents are unable to become full-service
67.29 providers because of the restrictions in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, and Minnesota
67.30 Rules, chapter 7404, and, if so, whether the commissioner would recommend any exceptions
67.31 to allow the limited driver's license agent to participate in the fee-sharing provisions of this
67.32 act; and
- 68.1 (5) propose any statutory changes necessary or beneficial in implementing
68.2 recommendations under clauses (1) and (2).
- 68.3 (b) The report must include information on the independent expert review
68.4 recommendations to:
- 68.5 (1) revise the deputy registrar and driver's license agent contracts to encourage all deputy
68.6 registrars and driver's license agents to become or remain full-service providers as defined
68.7 in Minnesota Statutes, section 168.002, subdivision 12a;
- 68.8 (2) determine how best to utilize certified and impartial third parties for administration
68.9 of knowledge and road tests;
- 68.10 (3) implement data and reporting practices to assist the commissioner in making decisions
68.11 focused on the residents of the state;
- 68.12 (4) conduct a staffing review that balances staff quantity and quality, leverages technology
68.13 automations and configurations, and establishes performance standards and targets that
68.14 meet the needs of the state;
- 68.15 (5) identify performance and service standards and create a deputy registrar performance
68.16 scorecard and a driver's license agent performance scorecard that monitors user performance
68.17 to ensure a consistently positive experience for Minnesotans;
- 68.18 (6) provide a rapid response communication method for situations where deputy registrars
68.19 or driver's license agents need immediate support;
- 68.20 (7) explore ways to speed up background checks of new employees at the Division of
68.21 Driver and Vehicle Services offices and deputy registrar offices, including using a police
68.22 department or county sheriff;
- 68.23 (8) promote the preapplication process and expand the use of preapplications to all
68.24 possible, relevant areas;
- 68.25 (9) evaluate and make recommendations to the legislature on areas where it is appropriate
68.26 to make preapplications mandatory;
- 68.27 (10) adjust policies and practices to automate as many approval transactions as possible;

- 68.28 (11) determine the proper user level field needed by transaction type and explore
68.29 additional differentiated user levels in MNDRIVE;
- 68.30 (12) allow deputy registrars to have increased visibility to and influence on the
68.31 MNDRIVE enhancement process;
- 69.1 (13) engage a learning consultant and create a content strategy and communications
69.2 campaign to meet the needs of Minnesota residents, including a feedback loop for continuous
69.3 improvement and evolution;
- 69.4 (14) provide additional training and clear guidance regarding permissible use of records
69.5 and enable in-application notation of usage other than for paid transactions;
- 69.6 (15) consider what security measures are appropriate at each deputy registrar or driver's
69.7 license agent location, including the possible need for a security officer or for cameras with
69.8 recording capabilities;
- 69.9 (16) offer training in de-escalation and negotiation techniques to all public-facing staff;
- 69.10 (17) examine the potential of allowing online applications for replacement class D drivers'
69.11 licenses;
- 69.12 (18) conduct an analysis to determine whether extending the validity of a class D driver's
69.13 license would benefit the residents of the state and make recommendations to the legislature
69.14 on a renewal fee structure for renewal periods longer than four years but not more than nine
69.15 years;
- 69.16 (19) explore options to encourage people to conduct transactions online or in person
69.17 instead of by mail; and
- 69.18 (20) study the feasibility of splitting revenue from mail or online vehicle transactions
69.19 between the commissioner and deputy registrars and full-service providers.
- 69.20 (c) For each of the recommendations under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), and
69.21 paragraph (b), the report must specify the status from one of the following categories:
- 69.22 (1) the recommendation is under ongoing active consideration or review, including to:
69.23 (i) describe the current state of the analysis; and
69.24 (ii) provide the anticipated timeline to conclude the review;
- 69.25 (2) the recommendation is in the process of being implemented, including to:
69.26 (i) describe how the recommendation is being implemented;
69.27 (ii) provide the anticipated timeline for implementation; and
69.28 (iii) provide an estimated cost of implementing the recommendation;

- 69.29 (3) the recommendation has been implemented, including to:
- 69.30 (i) describe when and how the recommendation was implemented;
- 70.1 (ii) describe the outcome of implementing the recommendation; and
- 70.2 (iii) provide an estimated cost of implementing the recommendation; or
- 70.3 (4) the recommendation will not be implemented, including to:
- 70.4 (i) provide a detailed explanation of why the recommendation will not be implemented;
- 70.5 (ii) provide an estimated cost to implement the recommendation;
- 70.6 (iii) provide an estimated timeline to implement the recommendation; and
- 70.7 (iv) describe any unmet needs that, if met, would allow the commissioner to implement
- 70.8 the recommendation.
- 70.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- 142.4 Sec. 16. **REPEALER.**
- 142.5 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.345, subdivision 1, is repealed.
- 142.6 Sec. 17. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 142.7 Except where otherwise specified, this article is effective August 1, 2023.