

DRIVER SERVICES POLICY CHANGES

This proposal combines technical corrections to the Ignition Interlock Device Program (IIDP) and new privacy protections for optional driver's license and ID indicators.

Ignition Interlock Device Program: Technical corrections

Background

IIDP changes passed last session extended the lookback period for impaired driving offenses from 10 to 20 years. Not all related statutes were updated, creating inconsistent deadlines across laws. Out-of-state driving while impaired (DWI) convictions were intended to be included, but statutory language did not reflect this.

Proposal's action

- Aligns the abstinence period to a 20-year lookback to ensure statutory consistency.
- Clarifies eligibility for individuals with out-of-state DWI convictions to avoid legal ambiguity.
- Updates statutes to reflect current law and intent of authors.

Expected benefits

- Simplifies program administration.
- Reduces confusion for participants.
- Ensures higher-risk drivers are appropriately monitored under a clear and consistent framework.

Personal credential indicators on driver's license: New data protections

Background

Optional indicators for medical alert, autism and mental health conditions can be added to driver's licenses and ID cards (Minn. Stat. 171.07, subd. 6, 6a and b). These indicators help emergency responders provide appropriate care and accommodations. Currently, this data is not classified as non-public.

Proposal's action

- Reclassifies data as private.
- Applies security restrictions to protect sensitive personal information.

Expected benefits

- Reinforces these indicators are voluntary tools to promote safety and effective communication in emergency situations.
- Strengthens public confidence in data use for emergency response.
- Encourages more Minnesotans to use indicators.