

HF3676 - Safe at Home program participation card as proof of residence eligible document for obtaining a Minnesota state ID card, driver's license, and REAL ID

Safe at Home (SAH) is Minnesota's address confidentiality program administered by the Office of the Secretary of State. Safe at Home serves over 5,000 active participants who are enrolled in the program due to physical safety needs as a result of domestic violence, stalking, harassment, and other serious safety concerns, including those that arise due to one's profession.

When someone enrolls in Safe at Home, they are assigned a PO Box address that they can use as their legal address. In Minnesota, all public and private entities must accept a participant's assigned address and a participant cannot be required to disclose their real address. This allows a Safe at Home participant to go about his or her daily life without leaving traces of where they can typically be located, such as their residential address, a school address, or an employment address. This safety measure is an attempt to keep their aggressor from locating them. Participants are also provided with a card that includes their individual identifier, known as a lot number, and includes their full Safe at Home address.

We know from the experience of SAH participants that it is often difficult to obtain currently eligible documents that contain their program designated address. Sections 8 & 9 of the bill add the SAH participation card as an eligible proof of residence document for obtaining a Minnesota standard driver's license, state ID card or REAL ID.

We also know from the experience of SAH participants in obtaining driver's licenses and state ID cards that their SAH Card is already used for multiple purposes during the license application process:

- a) A participant's designated SAH address is added to their driver's license or ID card pursuant to [Minn. Stat. 5B.05](#); and
- b) A copy of the participant's unexpired SAH patriation card is appended to their driver's license or ID card application documents.

Several other states utilize Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between their motor vehicle agency and their address confidentiality program to allow SAH participation cards to be used for this purpose: California, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, and other states, have adopted this method.

This bill would not add the SAH participation card as an eligible document for proof of identity when obtaining a Minnesota ID card or driver's license. The SAH participation card would only serve as proof of residence. Proof of identity documents would remain unchanged by this bill.

The Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 as amended [Public Law 109-13] establishes minimum issuance standards for REAL ID driver's licenses and ID cards while leaving up to the states which documents qualify to meet these established standards.

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA
SECRETARY OF STATE

By law all public and private entities must use this address for all records related to the program participant named below.

AA

LOT # 3809

PO BOX 17370

SAINT PAUL MN 55117-0370

DOB: 01/01/1900

PROGRAM EXPIRATION: Typically 4 years

Safe at Home

Minnesota's Address Confidentiality Services

651-201-1399

Safe at Home Participant Card Sample

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Pursuant to M.S. 5B.05, "When a program participant presents the address designated by the Secretary of State to any person or entity, that address must be accepted as the address of the program participant."

You must not require a program participant to tell you why they are enrolled in Safe at Home. If you have questions or need more information regarding Safe at Home contact:

866-723-3035

safe.athome@state.mn.us

www.sos.state.mn.us

TTY 800-627-3529 or 711

Signature _____

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State

TEMPORARY CARD

By law, all public and private entities must use this address for all records related to the program participant named below.

Example Person

LOT # 0000

PO BOX 17370

SAINT PAUL MN 551117-0370

DOB: 03/15/1905

TEMPORARY EXPIRATION: 09/17/1920

Safe at Home
Minnesota's Address Confidentiality Services
651-201-1399

Temporary

Card -

Not valid

proof of

residence

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