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Overview

This bill modifies provisions on driver licensing, to (1) establish a new type of driver's license, called a "driving privilege license," that is valid only for motor vehicle operation and not for other identification or voter registration purposes; and (2) make certain documents issued by a foreign government valid to use in obtaining a driver's license or Minnesota identification card. It also directs notification of election officials on limitations of a driving privilege license.

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- 1** **Driving privilege license.** Defines "driving privilege license" in the chapter of statutes on drivers' licenses and education, to be a new type of class D (non-commercial) license that provides driving privileges to a person who cannot demonstrate legal presence in the United States. Restricts use of the license to driving, and not for other purposes of identification, proof of legal presence, or voter registration.
- 2** **License.** Makes a conforming change.
- 3** **Valid license; valid driver's license.** Makes a conforming change.
- 4** **Forms of application.** Makes a conforming change.
- 5** **Fees.** Sets a fee of \$17.25 for a driving privilege license (which is the same amount as for other class D drivers' licenses).
- 6** **Application requirements.** In paragraph (a), requires an application for a driver's license or

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Minnesota identification card to include a space for the applicant to attest to residing in Minnesota.

In paragraphs (d) and (e), makes a “government identification card” one of the accepted primary documents for obtaining a driver’s license or Minnesota identification card. The card must consist of a valid passport, along with a certified birth certificate, issued by a country that other than the United States (and not a U.S. territory). Specifies security features.

- 7 Election judge training.** Directs the Secretary of State to inform county auditors, and county auditors to inform election officials, of a prohibition on using driving privilege licenses for voter registration. The information must be included in election judge training.
- 8 Effective date.** Makes the provisions of the bill effective January 1, 2014.