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Overview

This bill contains provisions related to driver licensing, primarily consisting of Department of Public Safety agency initiatives, and including: modifications to fees for motorized bicycle operation and commercial driver's license learner's permits, a driver's road test 14-day scheduling requirement with a corresponding appropriation, and requirements on federal conformity on some commercial driver's license regulations.

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- 1** **Motorized bicycle.** Modifies permit fees for operating a motorized bicycle (which is commonly known as a moped), to eliminate a one-year operator's permit, make under-21 operator's permits valid until age 21, and set a \$5.25 fee for all duplicate permits.
- 2** **Fees.** Sets a \$2.50 fee for a learner's permit for a commercial driver's license.
- 3** **Examination subject and locations; provisions for color blindness, disabled veterans.** Requires the department of Public Safety to make driver's license road tests available within 14 days of when an applicants seeks to schedule an appointment, at the location nearest to the person's home. Prevents a reduction in the number of exam stations as a result of the new requirement.
- 4** **[171.161] Commercial driver's license; federal conformity.** Requires the Department of Public Safety to make its policies and programs comply with federal laws on commercial driver's licenses. Clarifies that federal laws take precedence in the event of conflicts with some state statutes governing commercial driver's license regulations (such as license holder

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disqualification, notification requirements, and related recordkeeping).

- 5** **Appropriation; driver examinations.** Appropriates in fiscal year 2015 an amount as needed to implement the new driver's test scheduling requirement in section 3 of the bill, which is made from the driver services operating account in the special revenue fund. Requires agency reporting on the amount appropriated and implementation details in the next biennial budget request submitted to the legislature.