

Subject Reintegration driver’s license
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Overview

This bill establishes a reintegration driver’s license for some previously incarcerated individuals whose driver’s license was suspended or revoked for specific incidents that occurred before the incarceration.

Under the provision, eligible individuals may apply for a reintegration driver’s license without paying license fees or fees imposed for reinstatement. The license itself creates the same driving privileges as other class D driver’s licenses. If the individual holds the reintegration license for a full year without loss of privileges, the person can apply for a regular license, pay the usual license and filing fees, and receive forgiveness on any prior reinstatement fees that would otherwise be due for a revoked license. Effective April 1, 2024.

Summary

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1	[Adds § 171.301] Reintegration license. Authorizes issuance of a reintegration driver’s license under some circumstances.
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Subd. 1. Conditions of issuance. Sets eligibility and limitations to obtain the license, including that an applicant:

- is an adult;
- was incarcerated for at least six months in an adult correctional facility; and
- had their license suspended or revoked under a specified list of various situations (which match those in which a person can be eligible for a limited license).

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Identifies conditions under which a reintegration license cannot be issued.
Prevents issuance of a commercial license.

Subd. 2. Application. Clarifies that the license is issued following an application. Requires application within one year of release from incarceration (or one year of the effective date of the section for individuals released prior to the effective date).

Subd. 3. Fees prohibited. Establishes that there is no fee for the license.

Subd. 4. Cancellation of license. Identifies circumstances in which the department must cancel the license, including if the license holder commits a violation that results in loss of driving privileges. Allows for reissuance or reinstatement in some circumstances.

Subd. 5. Expiration. Sets a license expiration of 15 months following issuance. Disallows reintegration license renewals.

Subd. 6. Issuance of regular driver's license. Requires issuance of a regular driver's license (whether traditional or REAL ID-compliant) to the holder of a reintegration license if various conditions are met, including that (1) the reintegration license has been held for at least one year, has not been canceled, and is not expired; (2) fees are paid for the license; and (3) issuance does not violate an interstate compact.

Forgives any prior license reinstatement fees otherwise imposed on an eligible applicant for reinstating a revoked license. (The reinstatement fee is \$30 or \$680 depending on the underlying violation that led to license revocation.)



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