



Legislative Bulletin for the 2020 2nd Special Session

July 2020

This bulletin summarizes laws enacted during the 2020 2nd special legislative session that impact and are of interest to DVS and partners. This special session one bill passed that impacts Driver Services.

DVS staff will receive procedural information from supervisors.

Deputy registrars and driver's license agents will receive procedure information in future DVS Weekly Updates and Info Hub posts.

■ Driver Services

Online Knowledge Skills Testing

Reference: Laws of Minnesota 2020, Chapter 2, SF 4

Effective: Sections 1 and 4 are effective July 24, 2020.

Section 2 is effective November 1, 2020, or when the changes are implemented, whichever is earliest.

Section 3 is effective July 1, 2020.

What you need to know:

- DVS is prohibited from providing reserved appointments for public, private, or commercial driver education programs for skills or road tests.
- Driver education programs and authorized entities may administer online knowledge tests and must provide all computers, equipment, and proctors for those taking the online test, and may charge a fee up to \$10 to administer the test.
- DVS must administer a fourth and subsequent knowledge test.
- DVS must complete two reports and submit each report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. A report on the class D and CDL exam backlog is due January 1, 2021, and an online knowledge testing report is due January 1, 2022.

- The commissioner of public safety must notify the revisor of statutes of the date the changes are implemented if earlier than November 1, 2020.
- DVS received an appropriation of \$450,000, available until January 31, 2022, to implement online knowledge testing for expenses incurred before December 31, 2021. The appropriation from the driver services operating account will increase by \$55,000 in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for annual maintenance.