



# DVS Driver & Vehicle Services

## 2026 Legislative Bulletin

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This bulletin summarizes laws enacted during the 2026 legislative session that impact DVS and are of interest to staff, business partners and stakeholders.

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### Driver & Vehicle Services (DVS)

#### Cash transaction rounding

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 119, Art. 2, Sec. 7](#)

Effective: May 28, 2026

#### What you need to know

- DPS may adopt a policy regarding the rounding of cash transactions consistent with the requirements laid out in statute:
  - Transactions ending in 1, 2, 6, or 7 cents be rounded down to the nearest amount divisible by 5.
  - Transactions that end in 3, 4, 8, or 9 cents will be rounded up to the nearest amount divisible by 5.
- When a policy is adopted by the agency, DVS will post the policy at each location where cash transactions occur.
- DVS will update MNDRIVE to allow for rounding of cash transactions and work with offices to ensure access to signage communicating the new policy.

#### Driver and Vehicle Services Operating Account transfer

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 128, Art. 8, Sec. 14](#)

Effective: July 1, 2026

#### What you need to know

- \$75,000,000 will be transferred from the Driver and Vehicle Services Operating Account (DVSOA) to the General Fund.
- This transfer will not have a direct impact on current DVS operations.

## Driver Services

### Driver's license and ID indicator data protections

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 97, Art. 2, Secs. 1-4](#)

Effective: July 1, 2026

#### What you need to know

- Classifies data related to optional identifiers and designations on driver's licenses and IDs in 171.12, subdivision 7d.
- Restricts DVS from sharing data related to the autism spectrum and mental health identifiers with the federal government.
- Data maintained by DVS on the following are considered private data on individuals:
  - Anatomical gifts
  - Medical alert identifier
  - Autism spectrum identifier
  - Mental health identifier
  - Living will/health care directive designation
  - Standby or temporary custodian
  - Snowmobile safety certificate
  - Firearms safety designation
  - Disability designation
  - ATV safety certificate
  - Resident lifetime game and fish license
  - Watercraft operator's permit
- DVS will update the website and forms to clearly communicate that data will not be shared except as permitted and required by the law.

### Ignition interlock updates

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 97, Art. 2, Secs. 5 & 7](#)

Effective: July 1, 2026

#### What you need to know

- In instances of test refusal that result in the loss of driving privileges, a temporary license must be issued effective for 14 days instead of 7. This is a conforming change to align with legislation passed during the 2025 session.
- Clarifying language that if MN residents commit an offense in another state that would result in revocation of their license but allow eligibility for ignition interlock if it happened in MN, that they will have their license revoked and be eligible for ignition interlock upon return to MN.
- Driving under the influence of controlled substances and cannabis will be considered grounds for revocation even if alcohol is not present.
- DVS will update forms and work with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to ensure that all documentation reflects the new legislative changes.

## **Removal of stop arm requirement for stopping for a school bus**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 41](#)

Effective: March 28, 2026

### **What you need to know**

- Removed the extended stop signal arm as a reason to stop one's vehicle for a school bus.
- Requires vehicles approaching school buses to stop within 20 feet of a school bus when a school bus displays flashing red lights.
- Driver's education providers have been instructed to update their curriculum and DVS has updated the driver's manual and the knowledge test to reflect the legislative changes.

## **Secret War in Laos SGU veteran driver's license or ID indicator**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 96, Sec. 1](#)

Effective: January 1, 2027

### **What you need to know**

- Eligible veterans of the Secret War in Laos will be able to receive a graphic or designation on their driver's license or ID card indicating they are an SGU veteran.
- DVS will negotiate a contract amendment with the credential vendor and design a new indicator for IDs and driver's licenses.

## **Implied consent revocation modification**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 97, Art. 2, Secs. 6 & 8](#)

Effective: July 1, 2026

### **What you need to know**

- Reduces the revocation period for eligible drivers whose license is revoked under both the implied consent law and for a DWI conviction arising from the same incident by applying only the DWI revocation period, if they meet the following conditions:
  - The driver has no prior impaired driving convictions or related loss of license within the past 20 years.
  - The driver does not have two or more prior impaired driving convictions or related losses of license on record.
  - If there was a passenger under the age of 16 in the vehicle at the time of the offense, they must not be more than 3 years younger than the driver.
- A second offense can now be treated as a first offense if more than 20 years have elapsed since the first offense.
- DVS will make updates to MNDRIVE to reflect the legislative changes and update forms.

## **Reintegration driver's license eligibility modifications**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 88, Art. 1, Sec. 84](#)

Effective: August 1, 2026

#### **What you need to know**

- Restricts eligibility for a reintegration driver's license. A person who has been revoked for criminal vehicular homicide or operation involving alcohol or other substances may not obtain a reintegration driver's license.
- MNDRIVE will be updated and DVS will update forms to reflect these changes.

#### **Safe At Home modifications**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 67, Sec. 6](#)

Effective: August 1, 2026

#### **What you need to know**

- DPS must designate a [Safe at Home \(SAH\)](#) coordinator to serve as the initial point of contact for SAH staff and respond to inquiries from staff and program participants on requirements, procedures, obligations and the treatment of protected data.
- If a coordinator is not designated by August 1, 2026, the commissioner will serve as the coordinator.
- SAH card may be used as proof of residency for purposes of a REAL ID so long as it is not marked with "temporary" designation.

#### **Miscellaneous school bus changes**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 85](#)

Effective: August 1, 2026

#### **What you need to know**

- Authorizes the use of school buses on public roads for training purposes. This will allow CDL driving schools more flexibility to conduct training and expose trainees to more real-world scenarios.

## **Vehicle Services**

#### **Temporary registration tax reduction**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 130, Art. 4, Sec. 1](#)

Effective: May 28, 2026 for registrations beginning on or after January 1, 2027 to on or before December 31, 2027

#### **What you need to know**

- Vehicle registration taxes payable for a period beginning on or after January 1, 2027 and on or before December 31, 2027 are temporarily reduced to the same rates in effect prior to July 2023.

- DVS must include on the vehicle's registration tax renewal notice a statement informing the vehicle owner their rate has been temporarily lowered as a result of legislative action and the amount saved as a result.
- MNDRIVE is being updated to reflect the new rates and renewal notices are being updated. Communications will go out providing information on the temporary reduction, including updates to the website.

### **Sale or transfer of law enforcement vehicles**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 97, Art. 12, Sec. 1](#)

Effective: October 1, 2026

#### **What you need to know**

- Prohibits the sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle to the public unless any equipment or insignia has been removed that could mislead someone to believe the vehicle is an operating law enforcement vehicle.
- The vehicle owner must provide a certificate of compliance to the buyer or transferee confirming the vehicle has had any equipment or insignia removed.
- DVS will design a certificate of compliance form and make it publicly available for free on the DVS website.

### **State Park license plate design contest**

Reference: [Minn. Session Law, Ch. 57](#)

Effective: April 30, 2026

#### **What you need to know**

- DNR will hold a state park license plate design contest that celebrates the North Shore and agates.
- The contest must be completed by December 18, 2026.
- DVS will work with DNR to finalize the design and have it available for printing as needed.