



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Byrnes, BB0128b – DMV operating reductions; fee for driver license skills test

FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

TRANSPORTATION

DRIVERS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Under current law, with limited exceptions, an applicant for an operator's license is required to successfully complete a knowledge test and a driving skills (road) test. If a road test in a "Class D" vehicle, which includes automobiles and most other passenger vehicles, is required and administered by DOT, the applicant must pay to DOT an examination fee of \$15 for administering the road test. Payment of this examination fee entitles the applicant to take the road test not more than three times. If the applicant does not pass any of these three tests, the applicant must pay an additional \$15 examination fee, which entitles the applicant to three additional tests.

Under this bill, an applicant's \$15 examination fee for a road test in a "Class D" vehicle entitles the applicant to two tests. If the applicant does not pass either of these tests, the applicant must pay an additional \$15 examination fee for each test thereafter.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 343.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 343.21 (2) (a) 1. and amended to read:

343.21 (2) (a) 1. In addition to the fees set under sub. (1), any applicant whose application for a permit, license, upgrade or endorsement, taken together with the applicant's currently valid license, if any, requires the department to administer a driving skills test of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle shall pay to the department an examination fee of \$20 for an examination in a commercial motor vehicle other than a school bus, \$15 for an examination in a "Class D" vehicle, and \$15 for an examination in any other vehicle. ~~Payment~~

2. Except as provided in subd. 3., payment of the applicable examination fee under subd. 1. entitles the applicant to not more than 3 tests of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. If the applicant does not qualify for issuance of a license, upgraded license, or endorsement in 3 such tests, then a 2nd examination fee in the same amount shall be paid, which payment entitles the applicant to not more than 3 additional tests.

SECTION 2. 343.21 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

343.21 (2) (a) 3. For an examination in a "Class D" vehicle, payment of the examination fee under subd. 1. entitles the applicant to not more than 2 tests of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. If the applicant does not qualify for issuance of a license, upgraded license, or

endorsement in these 2 tests, then the applicant shall pay an additional examination fee of \$15 for each examination thereafter.

SECTION 9348. Initial applicability; Transportation.

(1) DRIVING SKILLS TEST FEE. The renumbering and amendment of section 343.21 (2) (a) of the statutes and the creation of section 343.21 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes first apply to driving skills test fees paid on the effective date of this subsection.

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