

Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Driver and Vehicle Services Division

Request for Comments on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Driver's License Information, Licensing, and Testing for the Issuance of Enhanced Driver's Licenses and Enhanced Identification Cards, *Minnesota Rules*, Parts 7410.0100, 7410.0400, and 7410.0410.

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing driver's license information, licensing, and testing. The department is considering amending *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7410.0100, 7410.0400, and 7410.0410, for the issuance of enhanced driver's licenses and enhanced identification cards. This is a driver's license or identification card that can also be used as a cross-border travel document to reenter the United States from Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean by land and sea. It denotes both identity and citizenship in accordance with the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect Minnesota residents who are also U.S. citizens.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Laws 2010*, chapter 316, section 17 authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules so that an applicant for an enhanced driver's license or enhanced identification card must prove United States citizenship and otherwise comply with applicable requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 171.06, subdivision 3.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on this possible rule in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rule. The department does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rule Draft. The department has not prepared a draft of the possible rule amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rule, and requests for more information on this possible rule should be directed to: Jacqueline Cavanagh, Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services Division, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 195, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-5195, **phone** (651) 205-4158, **e-mail** at DVS.Rules@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the department at (651) 282-6555.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comment can be provided in an alternative format such as large print, Braille, audio compact disc, or other electronic media. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Potential Government Shutdown. The department intends to respond in a timely manner to all comments and inquiries unless the department experiences an interruption to its operations due to a lack of appropriations for fiscal year 2012. In that event, interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments, leave a voice message, or send an electronic mail message to the telephone number or electronic mail or physical address provided. The department will respond to all inquiries and comments when operations resume.

NOTE: If the department initiates a proceeding to adopt the rule, it will not necessarily include comments received in response to this notice in the formal rulemaking record that is submitted to the administrative law judge. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rule after it is proposed. If you submit comments during the development of the rule and wish to ensure that the administrative law judge reviews them, you must resubmit the comments after the rule is formally proposed.

Dated: June 27, 2011

Ramona L. Dohman
Commissioner