

Chapter 2

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Subject Driver's license examinations

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Overview

This act modifies driver testing requirements, including to direct the Department of Public Safety to implement online knowledge testing as well as produce a pair of legislative reports on testing, and to redirect \$450,000 for online knowledge test implementation.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Test scheduling.
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Prevents the Department of Public Safety from creating a recurring block of testing times for students of driver's education programs. Effective July 24, 2020.

2	Online driver's license knowledge testing administration.
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Directs the Department of Public Safety to implement online knowledge testing for a driver's license. Sets various requirements, including to:

- allow all driver education programs to administer the online test;
- allow other entities (which for instance could include driver's license agents) to administer the test following application and approval by the department;
- require the department to provide all equipment needed for test administration;
- mandate the presence of test proctors; and
- limit the knowledge test fee imposed by driver's education programs and other entities to be no more than \$10.

Effective the earlier of November 1, 2020, or when the necessary changes are implemented.

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3	Reports; Department of Public Safety. Directs the Department of Public Safety to provide legislative reports on driver testing. A report on the road test backlog is due by January 1, 2021. A report on online knowledge testing is due by January 1, 2022.
4	Online driver's license knowledge testing; use of appropriation. Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to use \$450,000 to implement the online knowledge testing system. The funds are from a 2019 general fund appropriation for a replacement motor vehicle information technology system. Makes the funds available until December 31, 2021. Increases the appropriation base from the driver services operating account (for ongoing maintenance costs). Effective July 24, 2020.



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