



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 3

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AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to increase driver license fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 32-12-16 be AMENDED:

32-12-16. The application fee for an original driver license or a renewal of a driver license is thirty-eight dollars. The fee for a duplicate license, a name change, or an address change is twenty dollars. The fee must be credited to the state motor vehicle fund.

Five dollars of every fee for an original or renewal license collected pursuant to this section must be used to administer the Division of Highway Patrol.

Section 2. That § 32-12-47.1 be AMENDED:

32-12-47.1. Any individual whose license or privilege to drive a motor vehicle on public highways has been revoked, suspended, or disqualified may not have the license or privilege renewed or restored unless the period of revocation, suspension, or disqualification has expired. The period begins on the date ordered by the court, on the date specified in the notice from the department, or on the date the suspension order is effective for failure to comply with a citation, whichever date is earlier. At the expiration of the period of revocation, suspension, or disqualification, an individual may apply for license reinstatement by:

- (1) Paying the following, applicable licensing fee, in addition to an application fee pursuant to § 32-12-16:
 - (a) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction for a violation of § 32-23-2, one hundred dollars;
 - (b) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction for a violation of § 32-33-18, or a second or subsequent conviction for a violation of § 32-24-1 within one year, one hundred twenty-five dollars;

- (c) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction for a violation of § 32-23-3, one hundred fifty dollars;
- (d) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction for a violation of § 32-23-4, 32-23-4.6, or 32-23-4.7, two hundred dollars;
- (e) If revocation of the license was the result of a conviction for a violation of § 22-16-41 or 22-18-36, two hundred twenty-five dollars; and
- (f) If none of the preceding subdivisions apply, seventy-five dollars; and
- (2) Fulfilling a knowledge examination requirement of a new applicant for a revocation listed in subsections (a) to (e), inclusive.

An individual who had a restricted minor's permit, motorcycle restricted minor's permit, instruction permit, or motorcycle instruction permit, or privilege to apply for a permit or license suspended pursuant to § 32-12-15 is not required to pay the fee prior to reinstatement of the permit, unless the suspension is for a conviction of a moving traffic offense assessed six or more points pursuant to § 32-12-49.1.

Section 3. That § 32-12-48 be AMENDED:

32-12-48. If a defendant is convicted under § 32-23-2, 32-23-3, 32-23-4, 32-23-4.6, 32-23-4.7, or 32-23-4.9, the period of revocation begins on the date ordered by the court or on the date specified in the notice from the department, whichever date is earlier. At the conclusion of the period of revocation ordered by the court, and if future proof is filed with the Department of Public Safety as required by chapter 32-35, the defendant may submit an application to reinstate the defendant's driver license, accompanied by the following applicable fee:

- (1) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction under § 32-23-2, one hundred dollars;
- (2) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction under § 32-23-3, one hundred fifty dollars; and
- (3) If revocation of the license was a result of a conviction under § 32-23-4, 32-23-4.6, or 32-23-4.7, two hundred dollars.

The department may issue a driver license to the defendant, if, after an investigation of the character, habits, and driving ability of the defendant, the department is satisfied it is safe to grant the privilege of driving a motor vehicle to the defendant. A driver license issued under the provisions of this section must show the restrictions, if any, imposed by the court and the date when the restrictions expire.

Section 4. That § 32-12-61.1 be AMENDED:

32-12-61.1. The Department of Public Safety shall furnish to any authorized individual, upon request, a problem driver point system abstract. The request must indicate all adverse driver license actions maintained by a jurisdiction and must be released according to 23 C.F.R. § 1327 (January 1, 1995). The department shall collect seven dollars for each inquiry. The fee must be credited to the state motor vehicle fund. Any governmental entity or subdivision is exempt from this fee.

Section 5. That § 32-12A-15 be AMENDED:

32-12A-15. The application fee for a commercial driver license is forty-three dollars. For each commercial driver license endorsement knowledge test administered, the fee is twenty dollars. The fee for a duplicate license, a name change, or an address change is twenty dollars.

Any fee that is collected must be credited to the state motor vehicle fund.

Section 6. That § 32-12A-63 be AMENDED:

32-12A-63. The department shall furnish to any person, upon request, a certified abstract of the operating record for the previous three years of any individual subject to the provisions of chapter 32-35. The abstract must list any motor vehicle accident in which the individual has been involved, the individual's medical certification status, and any conviction of the individual for a violation of any motor vehicle law as reported to the department. The department shall collect seven dollars for each abstract. The fee must be credited to the state motor vehicle fund. No governmental entity or subdivision is subject to this fee.

The department shall furnish, upon request and a payment of a fee of seven dollars, full information regarding the driver record for the previous three years of an individual who has been issued a commercial learner's permit or commercial driver license, to an employer or to a prospective employer, if the individual has given written consent to the employer or prospective employer to obtain this information. The department shall furnish this same information regarding the driver record to the driver upon the payment of a fee of seven dollars. The information must include the individual's medical certification status, any disqualification, and any other licensing action for a violation of any state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation committed in any

type of vehicle. The fee must be credited to the state motor vehicle fund. No governmental entity or subdivision is subject to this fee.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

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Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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