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HOUSE BILL 135

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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FOR THE REVENUE STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PERMITTING ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION IN LIEU OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-5-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 231, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-9. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE, TEMPORARY LICENSE, PROVISIONAL LICENSE OR INSTRUCTION PERMIT. --

A. Every application for an instruction permit, provisional license or driver's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the department. Every application shall be accompanied by the proper fee. For permits, provisional licenses or driver's licenses other than those issued pursuant to the New Mexico Commercial Driver's License Act, submission

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1 of a complete application with payment of the fee entitles the
2 applicant to not more than three attempts to pass the
3 examination within a period of six months from the date of
4 application.

5 B. Every application shall contain the full name,
6 social security number, date of birth, sex and New Mexico
7 residence address of the applicant and briefly describe the
8 applicant and indicate whether the applicant has previously
9 been licensed as a driver and, if so, when and by what state
10 or country and whether any such license has ever been
11 suspended or revoked or whether an application has ever been
12 refused and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension,
13 revocation or refusal. The secretary is authorized to
14 establish by regulation other documents that may be accepted
15 as a substitute for a social security number.

16 C. Every applicant shall indicate whether he has
17 been convicted of driving while under the influence of
18 intoxicating liquor or drugs in this state or in any other
19 jurisdiction. Failure to disclose any such conviction
20 prevents the issuance of a driver's license, provisional
21 license, temporary license or instruction permit for a period
22 of one year if the failure to disclose is discovered by the
23 department prior to issuance. If the nondisclosure is
24 discovered by the department subsequent to issuance, the
25 department shall revoke the driver's license, provisional

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1 license, temporary license or instruction permit for a period
2 of one year. Intentional and willful failure to disclose, as
3 required in this subsection, is a misdemeanor.

4 D. Every applicant less than eighteen years of age
5 who is making an application to be granted his first New
6 Mexico driver's license shall submit evidence that he has:

7 (1) successfully completed a driver education
8 course that included a DWI prevention and education program
9 approved by the bureau or offered by a public school. The
10 bureau may accept verification of driver education course
11 completion from another state if the driver education course
12 substantially meets the requirements of the bureau for a
13 course offered in New Mexico;

14 (2) had a provisional license for the twelve-
15 month period immediately preceding the date of the application
16 for the driver's license;

17 (3) complied with restrictions on that
18 license;

19 (4) not been convicted of a traffic violation
20 committed during the ninety days prior to applying for a
21 driver's license;

22 (5) not been cited for a traffic violation
23 that is pending at the time of his application; and

24 (6) not been adjudicated for an offense
25 involving the use of alcohol or drugs during ~~[that period]~~ the

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1 twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of the
2 application for the driver's license and that there are no
3 pending adjudications alleging an offense involving the use of
4 alcohol or drugs at the time of his application.

5 E. Every applicant eighteen years of age and over,
6 but less than twenty-five years of age, who is making an
7 application to be granted his first New Mexico driver's
8 license shall submit evidence with his application that he has
9 successfully completed a bureau-approved DWI prevention and
10 education program.

11 F. Every applicant twenty-five years of age and
12 over who has been convicted of driving under the influence of
13 intoxicating liquor or drugs, and who is making an application
14 to be granted his first New Mexico driver's license, shall
15 submit evidence with his application that he has successfully
16 completed a bureau-approved DWI prevention and education
17 program.

18 G. Whenever application is received from a person
19 previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the department
20 may request a copy of the driver's record from the other
21 jurisdiction. When received, the driver's record may become a
22 part of the driver's record in this state with the same effect
23 as though entered on the driver's record in this state in the
24 original instance.

25 H. Whenever the department receives a request for

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1 a driver's record from another licensing jurisdiction, the
2 record shall be forwarded without charge.

3 I. This section does not apply to driver's
4 licenses issued pursuant to the New Mexico Commercial Driver's
5 License Act. "

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