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S.F. No. 4813 – Online renewal of driver’s licenses; temporary mailing address establishment (as proposed to be amended by A-3 delete-everything amendment)

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S.F. 4813, as proposed to be amended by A-3 delete-everything amendment, establishes online renewal of REAL ID-compliant and noncompliant driver’s licenses and identification cards and allows applicants to designate a temporary second mailing address. **Effective October 1, 2024.**

Section 1 [Residence address and permanent mailing address] codifies the definition of “residence address” and “permanent mailing address” for purposes of most drivers’ licenses and identification cards as the postal address of the permanent domicile within Minnesota where the individual resides, intends to reside within 30 calendar days after application, or intends to return whenever absent.

Section 2 [Temporary mailing address] defines “temporary mailing address” to mean the mailing address of any place where a person regularly or occasionally stays and may receive mail in their name other than the person’s residence address.

Section 3 [Contents of application] amends the contents of a driver’s license or identification card application to allow an applicant to designate a temporary mailing address for delivery of the driver’s license or identification card. Specifies what information the commissioner must include on the department’s website regarding the temporary mailing address process and how it compares to other methods of mailing.

Section 4 [Online renewal] establishes provisions for the online renewal of both REAL ID-compliant and noncompliant driver’s licenses or identification cards. Defines “applicant” or “renewal applicant” as a person renewing their issued document through the department’s online system. The online renewal process requires an applicant not have any significant identity changes,

maintain the same type of license or identification card, and have a photo on file with the Division of Driver and Vehicle Services. For driver's license renewal, passing an eye examination within five years or submitting a recent vision examination certificate is required. The commissioner must use the existing photo on file for the renewed document and provide clear information on the department's website regarding online renewal procedures, including requirements for photos and vision examinations.

Section 5 [Vision examination requirements] modifies the vision examination requirements to include the processes established for online renewal and submission of a vision examination certificate in lieu of an in-person test.

Section 6 [Report] requires a legislative report from the Division of Driver Vehicle Services on expanding online and mail services, and must include an analysis of the processes established in sections 1 to 5.