



MINNESOTA DEPUTY REGISTRAR'S ASSOCIATION

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To: All members of the Minnesota State Legislature

Re: SF 4895, Ability of third party proctors to administer 4<sup>th</sup> and all subsequent knowledge exams for citizens

I am writing today to offer the Minnesota Deputy Registrar's Association's support of efforts to remove a critical limitation on third party proctors (TPP) of driver's license knowledge exams. Currently, TPPs can offer knowledge exams for the first three attempts of a prospective driver's license or instruction permit holder. After the third failed attempt, the fourth and all subsequent exams must occur at a DVS exam location.

We feel that this is a disservice and a barrier to citizens attempting to obtain driving privileges. DVS offices are routinely extremely busy and wait times for appointments at these facilities can often be long. On top of this, DVS exam offices do not offer any special coaching or services for individuals attempting their fourth or higher exam. Citizens are administered the exam in the same fashion as a TPP would administer it. Furthermore, many citizens are much closer to a TPP site than they are to a DVS office. This requires additional travel which is in many cases a challenge for someone attempting these knowledge exams.

We urge the Legislature to send language, such as SF 4895 to the Governor to remove these undue restrictions on third party proctors. TPPs are already ready and willing to provide top-notch service to citizens upon enactment.

Respectfully submitted,

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