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S.F. No. 4939 – Limited drivers’ licenses for certain participants in treatment court (First Engrossment)

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S.F. 4939 authorizes the commissioner of public safety to issue a limited license to individuals participating in treatment court. Under current law, a limited license under certain circumstances can be issued to a person whose license has been suspended, revoked, cancelled, or denied. The limited license may only be used for certain purposes. In S.F. 4939, use of a limited license is related to a person’s participation in court hearings and other court-ordered activities.

Section 1 [Limited license data] provides that access to data on treatment court participants who are limited license holders is governed by **section 4** of the bill.

Section 2 [Conditions of issuance] authorizes the commissioner to issue a limited license to a participant in treatment court.

Section 3 [Treatment court participants] creates specific requirements for a limited license issued to a treatment court participant. Directs the commissioner to impose conditions and limitations on the issuance and use of limited licenses. Requires the commissioner to mandate continued participation in treatment court as a condition of issuance. Prohibits the commissioner from imposing conditions or limits on a limited license that would prohibit the participant from participating in hearings, meetings, treatment or counseling programs, sober support activities, or other community programming ordered or required by a treatment court. Requires treatment court coordinators to verify a participant’s status and any required activities upon request from law enforcement or the Department of Public Safety. Requires the treatment court coordinator to notify the Department of Public Safety if a person is terminated from the treatment court program.

Section 4 [Treatment court; data classification] establishes that any court records and information on driving restrictions on limited license holders as private data on individuals, but authorizes disclosure to law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.