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### Re: Annual Submission of Rulemaking Docket

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Dear Legislators:

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116, the department respectfully submits its rulemaking docket for rules under active consideration:

- **Chapters 7404 and 7406, driver's license agents and deputy registrars.** This rule is in response to 2024 legislation requiring the department to establish a competitive-bidding process for appointing a replacement driver's license agent or deputy registrar if an agent or registrar wants to continue offering services at a closed office location.

The department must establish this competitive-bidding process in its respective rule chapters for driver's license agents and deputy registrars.

- **Chapter 7411, driver education.** This chapter includes requirements on the classroom curriculum for students enrolled in a driver-education program to operate a class D motor vehicle. The rules also apply to the classroom curriculum for students enrolled in a driver-education program who want to operate a motorcycle or obtain a class A, class B, or class C commercial driver’s license.

In 2025, the legislature made several changes to driving laws by requiring instruction and testing on work-zone safety. The department plans to incorporate these changes into the rule and update other curriculum requirements to conform with statutory requirements.

- **Chapter 7450, wheelchair securement devices.** The State Patrol is responsible for inspecting operators of transportation services to ensure that their wheelchair securement devices comply with Minnesota Statutes, sections 299A.11 to 299A.17—these sections were updated in the 2019 legislative session. At that time, the legislature repealed the department’s statutory authority for the corresponding rules. Accordingly, the department plans to repeal the entire rule chapter.
- **Chapter 7470, school-bus safety.** The Minnesota State Patrol is responsible for regulating school buses used for transporting students when the bus is operated on a public street or highway. Within the State Patrol, the Office of Pupil Transportation Safety oversees all department activities for school-bus safety.

The rule chapter for school-bus safety hasn’t been substantively amended since 1995, and much of the rule was originally related to equipment and inspections standards, which have since been incorporated into statute. The remaining rule provisions relate to school-bus operation and to driver-training requirements for transporting students with disabilities.

- **Chapter 7503, driver’s-license revocation and ignition interlock.** This rule governs department actions against a person’s driver’s license and the ignition interlock device program. The department last amended the program’s rule requirements in 2014, and the legislature has now required the department to adopt rules on the program’s participant guidelines and the program’s performance standards and certification process for device manufacturers.
- **Obsolete rulemaking.** This rulemaking will repeal obsolete rules identified in the department’s 2025 obsolete-rulemaking report.

The department also adopted two rules in December 2025, and the official rulemaking records are attached to this report:

- **Chapter 7410, driver information, licensing, and testing.** This rule governs physical and mental qualifications for drivers and applicants for driving privileges, including for drivers who have experienced a loss of consciousness or voluntary control.

Generally, a driver who has experienced a loss of consciousness or voluntary control must submit an annual physician's statement to the department so the department can determine the driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. In 2025, the legislature directed the department to add two new exemptions for when a driver doesn't need to submit an annual physician's statement.

- **Chapter 7501, devices for intoxication testing.** This rule governs the list of department-approved alcohol-screening devices for preliminary breath tests. The department added two new approved screening devices to help protect public safety by detecting alcohol and combatting impaired driving.

You can find information on the department's rulemaking docket (including the recently completed rulemaking proceedings) by visiting the department's [rulemaking web page](#). You can also track rulemaking proceedings through the [revisor's Rule Status System](#).

The cost to prepare this report was about \$100.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chris Steller, Legislative Reference Library