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S.F. No. 454 – Removing Certain Criteria Related to Issuing Driver’s Licenses to Drivers with Diabetes (as amended by the A-3 amendment)

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Under current Rules, a person with diabetes must satisfy additional criteria in order to obtain a driver’s license. Among other criteria, the person must report to the commissioner of public safety if the person is diagnosed with diabetes or has an episode where the person loses consciousness or control due to hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia. The person must also submit a physician’s statement at regular intervals to verify that the person is able to safely operate a motor vehicle.

S.F. 454 prohibits the commissioner from denying a driver’s license application based only on the grounds that the applicant has been diagnosed with diabetes. The bill also repeals the rule that imposes these requirements. The bill also repeals a second rule that relates to waivers for school bus drivers that are diagnosed with diabetes. This issue is governed by federal law and the rule is not necessary.