

HB 488 -- Driver's License Examinations and Fees

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This bill requires Missouri driver's license examinations to only be administered in English so that the applicant can demonstrate his or her ability to sufficiently understand highway traffic signs and safety warnings. The Director of the Department of Revenue cannot supply or permit the use of language interpreters in connection with the required written and driving tests.

A \$15 fee will be assessed to any applicant for the written portion of the examination which must be payable to the Director of the Department of Revenue and disbursed as follows:

- (1) 40% to the State Highway Patrol for operating expenses;
- (2) 20% to the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) Program;
- (3) 20% to the local school district where the fees are collected for high school driver's education programs within the district; and
- (4) 20% to the newly created Fire Investigator's Fund which will be used solely by the Division of Fire Safety within the Department of Public Safety to carry out its duties.