

321A.3 Abstract of operating record fees to be charged and disposition of fees.

1. The department shall upon request furnish any person a certified abstract of the operating record of a person subject to chapter 321, 321J, or this chapter. The abstract shall also fully designate the motor vehicles, if any, registered in the name of the person. If there is no record of a conviction of the person having violated any law relating to the operation of a motor vehicle or of any injury or damage caused by the person, the department shall so certify. A fee of five dollars and fifty cents shall be paid for each abstract except for state, county, or city officials, court officials, public transit officials, or other officials of a political subdivision of the state. The department shall transfer the moneys collected under this section to the treasurer of state who shall credit to the general fund all moneys collected.

2. A sheriff may provide an abstract of the operating record of a person to the person or an individual authorized by the person. The sheriff shall charge a fee of five dollars and fifty cents for each abstract which the sheriff shall transfer to the department quarterly. The sheriff may charge an additional fee sufficient to cover costs incurred by the sheriff in producing the abstract.

3. The abstracts are not admissible as evidence in an action for damages or criminal proceedings arising out of a motor vehicle accident.

4. The abstract of operating record provided under this section shall designate which speeding violations occurring on or after July 1, 1986, but before May 12, 1987, are for violations of ten miles per hour or less over the legal speed limit in speed zones that have a legal speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour. For speeding violations occurring on or after May 12, 1987, the abstract provided under this section shall designate which speeding violations are for ten miles per hour or less over the legal speed limit in speed zones that have a legal speed limit equal to or greater than thirty-five miles per hour but not greater than fifty-five miles per hour.

5. The department may permit any person to view the operating record of a person subject to chapter 321 or this chapter through one of the department's computer terminals or through a computer printout generated by the department. The department shall not require a fee for a person to view their own operating record, but the department shall impose a fee of one dollar for each of the first five operating records viewed within a calendar day and two dollars for each additional operating record viewed within the calendar day.

6. Fees under subsections 1 and 5 may be paid by credit cards, as defined in section 537.1301, subsection 16, approved for that purpose by the department of transportation. The department shall enter into agreements with financial institutions extending credit through the use of credit cards to ensure payment of the fees. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement the provisions of this subsection.

7. Notwithstanding chapter 22 or any other law of this state, except as provided in subsection 5, the department shall not make available a certified operating record in a manner which would result in a fee of less than that provided under subsection 1. Should the department make available certified copies of abstracts of operating records on magnetic tape or on disk or through electronic data transfer, the five dollar and fifty cent fee under subsection 1 applies to each abstract supplied, and an additional access fee may be charged for each abstract supplied through electronic data transfer.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 321A.3; 81 Acts, ch 14, § 26]

83 Acts, ch 80, § 1; 87 Acts, ch 120, §6; 88 Acts, ch 1158, §67; 88 Acts, ch 1214, §1; 88 Acts, ch 1278, §3539; 89 Acts, ch 296, §37; 89 Acts, ch 317, § 35; 90 Acts, ch 1267, § 38; 92 Acts, ch 1175, § 43; 93 Acts, ch 169, § 19; 99 Acts, ch 207, §14