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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; authorizing volunteer emergency services providers

1.3 to purchase personal vehicle tires under municipal contracts; proposing coding for

1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [471.3458] VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDERS; TIRE

1.7 PURCHASES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have

1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Fire department" has the meaning given in section 299N.01, subdivision 2.

1.11 (c) "Municipality" means a statutory or home rule charter city or a town.

1.12 (d) "Volunteer emergency services provider" means a volunteer firefighter, as defined

1.13 in section 299N.03, subdivision 7; volunteer ambulance attendant, as defined in section

1.14 144E.001, subdivision 15; volunteer paramedic; or any other volunteer emergency medical

1.15 personnel performing emergency medical services for a municipality or fire department.

1.16 Subd. 2. Tire purchases. A municipality or fire department may authorize a volunteer

1.17 emergency services provider who has performed services for the municipality or fire

1.18 department for at least three years and who is currently performing services for the

1.19 municipality or fire department to purchase up to four vehicle tires for one personal vehicle

1.20 owned by the volunteer emergency services provider every three years under a contract for

1.21 tires from which the municipality or fire department purchases vehicle tires. The volunteer

2.1 emergency services provider must pay for any tires purchased under this section, including
2.2 all applicable taxes and fees.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Authorization requirements.** (a) The authorization by a municipality or fire
2.4 department to purchase tires under this section must be in writing on the municipality's or
2.5 fire department's letterhead and include the following:

2.6 (1) the volunteer emergency services provider's name;

2.7 (2) the number of years the volunteer emergency services provider has performed services
2.8 for the municipality or fire department;

2.9 (3) the license plate number of the personal vehicle on which the tires will be placed;
2.10 and

2.11 (4) a reference to the contract under which the municipality or fire department purchases
2.12 vehicle tires.

2.13 (b) The municipality or fire department must document how many tires each volunteer
2.14 emergency services provider purchases during the periods specified in this section.