

**SENATE  
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**S.F. No. 3988**

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03/02/2026	6464	Author added Nelson
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04/22/2026	8964	Author stricken Nelson

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating money for transportation purposes,

1.3 including Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety, and

1.4 Metropolitan Council activities; modifying various transportation finance and

1.5 policy provisions; requiring a report; transferring money; making technical and

1.6 conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 161.14, by

1.7 adding a subdivision; 161.46, subdivision 2; 165.01, subdivision 3, by adding

1.8 subdivisions; 165.03; 168.101, subdivision 2a; 168.1285, subdivision 1; 168.15,

1.9 subdivision 1; 168.187, subdivision 12; 168.27, subdivision 9; 168.301, subdivision

1.10 2; 168A.04, subdivision 2; 168A.151, subdivision 1; 168A.154; 168B.16; 169.011,

1.11 subdivisions 40b, 44, 45, 71; 169.02, subdivision 1; 169.09, subdivision 8; 169.222,

1.12 subdivisions 1, 6a, 6b; 169.223; 169.448, subdivision 1; 169.449, by adding a

1.13 subdivision; 169.454, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 169.974, by adding

1.14 a subdivision; 171.04, subdivision 1; 171.07, by adding a subdivision; 171.12,

1.15 subdivisions 1a, 7b; 171.187, subdivision 1; 174.38, subdivision 6; 216D.01, by

1.16 adding a subdivision; 216D.03, by adding a subdivision; 216D.04, subdivision 3;

1.17 219.14, by adding a subdivision; 222.50; 299A.41, subdivisions 3, 4, by adding

1.18 subdivisions; 299D.03, subdivisions 2, 2a; 360.021, subdivision 1; 629.344;

1.19 Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 168.1289, subdivision 1; 171.187,

1.20 subdivision 3; Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 17, subdivision 17; Laws

1.21 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 2; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 1, section

1.22 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, sections 2,

1.23 subdivision 2; 4, subdivisions 3, 4; 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.24 Statutes, chapters 165; 168; 169; 174; 299A; 299D; repealing Minnesota Statutes

1.25 2024, section 161.14, subdivisions 6, 12, 12a, 15, 17, 50; Laws 2021, First Special

1.26 Session chapter 5, article 4, section 141; Minnesota Rules, part 7400.5200, subpart

1.27 4.

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

2.2

**ARTICLE 1**

2.3

**TRANSPORTATION FINANCE**

2.4 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 17, subdivision 17, is amended to  
2.5 read:

2.6 Subd. 17. **Progress Parkway; Eveleth.** \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated  
2.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation for one or more grants to St.  
2.8 Louis County for predesign, design, engineering, environmental analysis and mitigation,  
2.9 land acquisition, construction, and reconstruction of Progress Parkway to provide for  
2.10 intersection improvements and road realignment and extension from marked U.S. Highway  
2.11 53 and St. Louis County State-Aid Highway 142 to marked Trunk Highway 37 and Station  
2.12 44 Road in the city of Eveleth. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June  
2.13 30, ~~2027~~ 2030.

2.14 Sec. 2. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.15 Subd. 5. **Agency Management**

2.16 (a) **Agency Services** -0- 243,000

2.17 This appropriation is from the general fund  
2.18 for costs related to complete streets  
2.19 implementation training under Minnesota  
2.20 Statutes, section 174.75, subdivision 2a.

2.21 (b) **Buildings** -0- 32,650,000

2.22 \$20,100,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for the  
2.23 transportation facilities capital improvement  
2.24 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.25 174.595. This is a onetime appropriation and  
2.26 is available until June 30, 2028.

2.27 \$7,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for land  
2.28 acquisition, predesign, design, and  
2.29 construction of expanded truck parking at Big  
2.30 Spunk in Avon and Enfield Rest Areas and  
2.31 for the rehabilitation or replacement of truck  
2.32 parking information management system

3.1 equipment at Department of  
 3.2 Transportation-owned parking rest area  
 3.3 locations. This is a onetime appropriation and  
 3.4 is available until June 30, 2028.

3.5 \$4,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for predesign,  
 3.6 design, engineering, environmental analysis  
 3.7 and remediation, acquisition of land or  
 3.8 permanent easements, and construction of one  
 3.9 or more truck parking safety projects for the  
 3.10 trunk highway system. Each truck parking  
 3.11 safety project must expand truck parking  
 3.12 availability in proximity to a trunk highway  
 3.13 and be located in the Department of  
 3.14 Transportation metropolitan district. In  
 3.15 developing each project, the commissioner  
 3.16 must seek partnerships with local units of  
 3.17 government, established truck stop businesses,  
 3.18 or a combination. Partnership activities may  
 3.19 include but are not limited to parking site  
 3.20 identification and review, financial assistance,  
 3.21 donation of land, and project development  
 3.22 activities. This appropriation is available for  
 3.23 the truck parking improvement program under  
 3.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 174.68, for trunk  
 3.25 highway projects that are located in the  
 3.26 Department of Transportation metropolitan  
 3.27 district. This is a onetime appropriation and  
 3.28 is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2029.

3.29 Sec. 3. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is  
 3.30 amended to read:

3.31 **Subd. 2. Multimodal Systems**

3.32 **(a) Aeronautics**

3.33 **(1) Airport Development and Assistance**

27,398,000

27,248,000

4.1 This appropriation is from the state airports  
4.2 fund and must be spent according to  
4.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 360.305,  
4.4 subdivision 4.

4.5 \$5,000,000 in each year is for a grant to the  
4.6 Duluth Airport Authority to design, construct,  
4.7 furnish, and equip a new air traffic control  
4.8 tower base building at the Duluth International  
4.9 Airport, including associated site preparation,  
4.10 building demolition, and utility and  
4.11 stormwater retention system improvements.

4.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.13 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner  
4.14 must not use any amount of this appropriation  
4.15 for administrative costs. This is a onetime  
4.16 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
4.17 2028.

4.18 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for a grant to  
4.19 the city of McGregor to relocate the automated  
4.20 weather station at the McGregor Isedor  
4.21 Iverson Airport. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
4.22 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the  
4.23 commissioner must not use any amount of this  
4.24 appropriation for administrative costs.

4.25 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.26 16A.28, subdivision 6, this appropriation is  
4.27 available for five years after the year of the  
4.28 appropriation. If the appropriation for either  
4.29 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the  
4.30 other year is available for it.

4.31 If the commissioner of transportation  
4.32 determines that a balance remains in the state  
4.33 airports fund following the appropriations  
4.34 made in this article and that the appropriations  
4.35 made are insufficient for advancing airport

5.1 development and assistance projects, an  
 5.2 amount necessary to advance the projects, not  
 5.3 to exceed the balance in the state airports fund,  
 5.4 is appropriated in each year to the  
 5.5 commissioner and must be spent according to  
 5.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 360.305,  
 5.7 subdivision 4. Within two weeks of a  
 5.8 determination under this contingent  
 5.9 appropriation, the commissioner of  
 5.10 transportation must notify the commissioner  
 5.11 of management and budget and the chairs and  
 5.12 ranking minority members of the legislative  
 5.13 committees with jurisdiction over  
 5.14 transportation finance concerning the funds  
 5.15 appropriated. Funds appropriated under this  
 5.16 contingent appropriation do not adjust the base  
 5.17 for fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

5.18 The base is \$22,248,000 in each of fiscal years  
 5.19 2028 and 2029.

5.20 **(2) Aviation Support Services** 9,583,000 9,733,000

5.21 Appropriations by Fund			
		2026	2027
5.22			
5.23	General	1,843,000	1,993,000
5.24	Airports	7,740,000	7,740,000

5.25 The base from the state airports fund is  
 5.26 \$7,790,000 in each of fiscal years 2028 and  
 5.27 2029.

5.28 **(3) Civil Air Patrol** 180,000 180,000

5.29 This appropriation is from the state airports  
 5.30 fund for the Civil Air Patrol.

5.31 **(b) Transit and Active Transportation** 7,421,000 7,376,000

5.32 This appropriation is from the general fund.

6.1 \$45,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for a grant to  
 6.2 the city of Chatfield for the next phase of  
 6.3 development of a transportation management  
 6.4 organization in southeastern Minnesota. This  
 6.5 appropriation is for: (1) the development of  
 6.6 organizational structure, including staffing,  
 6.7 an oversight committee, and responsibilities  
 6.8 of the host organization; and (2) community  
 6.9 outreach and education. Up to \$1,000 of the  
 6.10 appropriation is for related administrative costs  
 6.11 for the city of Chatfield. Notwithstanding  
 6.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,  
 6.13 subdivision 14, the commissioner must not  
 6.14 use any amount of this appropriation for  
 6.15 administrative costs. This is a onetime  
 6.16 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 6.17 2027.

6.18 The base is \$18,376,000 in each of fiscal years  
 6.19 2028 and 2029.

6.20 **(c) Safe Routes to School**

1,500,000

1,500,000

6.21 This appropriation is from the general fund  
 6.22 for the safe routes to school program under  
 6.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 174.40.

6.24 If the appropriation for either year is  
 6.25 insufficient, the appropriation for the other  
 6.26 year is available for it.

6.27  
 6.28 **(d) Passenger Rail**

5,743,000

~~5,743,000~~  
5,493,000

6.29 This appropriation is from the general fund  
 6.30 for passenger rail activities under Minnesota  
 6.31 Statutes, sections 174.632 to 174.636. The  
 6.32 base for this appropriation is \$5,743,000 in  
 6.33 each of fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

6.34 **(e) Freight**

9,115,000

9,184,000

7.1	Appropriations by Fund		
7.2		2026	2027
7.3	General	2,303,000	2,303,000
7.4	Trunk Highway	6,812,000	6,881,000

7.5 \$900,000 in each year is from the general fund  
 7.6 for staff, operating costs, and maintenance  
 7.7 related to weight and safety enforcement  
 7.8 systems.

7.9 Sec. 4. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, is  
 7.10 amended to read:

7.11 **Subd. 3. State Patrol**

7.12	<b>(a) Patrolling Highways</b>	147,013,000	148,960,000
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7.13	Appropriations by Fund		
7.14		2026	2027
7.15	General	37,000	37,000
7.16	H.U.T.D.	92,000	92,000
7.17	Trunk Highway	146,884,000	148,831,000

7.18 \$1,045,000 in each year is from the trunk  
 7.19 highway fund for recruitment and hiring  
 7.20 initiatives. Of the base from the trunk highway  
 7.21 fund, \$10,365,000 in each of fiscal years 2028  
 7.22 and 2029 is for this purpose, which includes  
 7.23 funding to conduct an additional annual  
 7.24 trooper academy.

7.25 The base from the trunk highway fund is  
 7.26 \$158,151,000 in each of fiscal years 2028 and  
 7.27 2029.

7.28	<b>(b) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement</b>	18,861,000	18,861,000
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7.29		<del>19,243,000</del>	<del>19,243,000</del>
7.30	<b>(c) Capitol Security</b>	<u>23,968,000</u>	<u>39,427,000</u>

7.31 This appropriation is from the general fund.  
 7.32 \$210,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,624,000  
 7.33 in fiscal year 2027 are for security

8.1 enhancements on the Capitol complex,  
 8.2 including but not limited to equipment,  
 8.3 staffing, and operations. The base for this  
 8.4 purpose is \$2,709,000 in each of fiscal years  
 8.5 2028 and 2029.

8.6 \$2,595,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,560,000  
 8.7 in fiscal year 2027 are for screening of  
 8.8 individuals entering the State Capitol building.

8.9 Of the amount in fiscal year 2027, \$2,433,000  
 8.10 is available until June 30, 2030. The base for  
 8.11 this purpose is \$7,775,000 in fiscal year 2028  
 8.12 and \$5,684,000 in fiscal year 2029.

8.13 The base for the appropriation under this  
 8.14 paragraph is \$29,727,000 in fiscal year 2028  
 8.15 and \$27,636,000 in fiscal year 2029.

8.16 The commissioner must not:

8.17 (1) spend any money from the trunk highway  
 8.18 fund for capitol security; or

8.19 (2) permanently transfer any state trooper from  
 8.20 the patrolling highways activity to capitol  
 8.21 security.

8.22 The commissioner must not transfer any  
 8.23 money appropriated to the commissioner under  
 8.24 this section:

8.25 (1) to capitol security; or

8.26 (2) from capitol security.

8.27 **(d) Vehicle Crimes Unit** 1,290,000 1,303,000

8.28 This appropriation is from the highway user  
 8.29 tax distribution fund to investigate:

8.30 (1) registration tax and motor vehicle sales tax  
 8.31 liabilities from individuals and businesses that  
 8.32 currently do not pay all taxes owed; and

9.1 (2) illegal or improper activity related to the  
 9.2 sale, transfer, titling, and registration of motor  
 9.3 vehicles.

9.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

9.5 Sec. 5. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 4, subdivision 4, is  
 9.6 amended to read:

9.7 **Subd. 4. Driver and Vehicle Services**

9.8			47,132,000
9.9	<b>(a) Driver Services</b>	47,665,000	<u>47,259,000</u>

9.10 This appropriation is from the driver and  
 9.11 vehicle services operating account under  
 9.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.705.

9.13 \$317,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for rulemaking  
 9.14 costs for the ignition interlock device program  
 9.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.306.

9.16 \$218,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for costs of  
 9.17 adding work zone safety information into the  
 9.18 driver's manual and written examination and  
 9.19 related rulemaking.

9.20 \$141,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for costs of  
 9.21 including an optional speech condition  
 9.22 identifier on drivers' licenses and Minnesota  
 9.23 identification cards. This is a onetime  
 9.24 appropriation.

9.25 \$138,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for rulemaking  
 9.26 costs related to requiring persons under 21  
 9.27 years of age to complete a driver education  
 9.28 course before obtaining a driver's license. This  
 9.29 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
 9.30 until June 30, 2028.

9.31 \$3,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for updates to the  
 9.32 driver's manual related to driver education age  
 9.33 requirements. This is a onetime appropriation.

10.1 The base for this appropriation is \$46,977,000  
 10.2 in each of fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

10.3		<u>32,179,000</u>	<u>32,179,000</u>
10.4	<b>(b) Vehicle Services</b>	<u>32,101,000</u>	<u>32,101,000</u>

10.5 This appropriation is from the driver and  
 10.6 vehicle services operating account under  
 10.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.705.

10.8 \$2,500,000 in each year is for payments to  
 10.9 deputy registrars under Minnesota Statutes,  
 10.10 section 168.33, subdivision 7a, and to driver's  
 10.11 license agents under Minnesota Statutes,  
 10.12 section 171.061, subdivision 4a.

10.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

10.14 Sec. 6. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 8, is amended to read:

10.15 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.**

10.16 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from  
 10.17 the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the empowering  
 10.18 small Minnesota communities program under Minnesota Statutes, section 137.345. ~~This is~~  
 10.19 ~~a onetime appropriation~~ These are onetime appropriations and are available until June 30,  
 10.20 2028.

10.21 Sec. 7. **ALLOCATION; METROPOLITAN COUNCIL; I-494 CORRIDOR**  
 10.22 **COMMISSION.**

10.23 Of the money allocated to the Metropolitan Council under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.24 473.4465, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (2), the Metropolitan Council must provide  
 10.25 a grant of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the I-494 Corridor Commission. This section  
 10.26 applies notwithstanding provisions on the use of funds under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.27 473.4465, subdivision 2. Grant funds under this section are available for programming and  
 10.28 service expansion to assist companies and commuters with carpool, vanpool, bicycle  
 10.29 commuting, telework, and transit.

11.1 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION; ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

11.2 \$142,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the attorney general  
11.3 to enforce the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.981.

11.4 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC**  
11.5 **DEVELOPMENT.**

11.6 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
11.7 of employment and economic development for the driver's education financial assistance  
11.8 pilot program established in article 2, section 70. This is a onetime appropriation.

11.9 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

11.10 (a) \$119,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the active transportation account  
11.11 in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for the costs of the motorized  
11.12 bicycle safety coordinator under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.2231. The base for this  
11.13 appropriation is \$121,000 in each of fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

11.14 (b) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the active transportation account  
11.15 in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for the public education  
11.16 campaign on electric-assisted and motorized bicycle safety under article 2, section 71. This  
11.17 is a onetime appropriation.

11.18 (c) \$10,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the driver and vehicle services  
11.19 operating account in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for a  
11.20 media campaign relating to the requirement for persons under 21 years of age to complete  
11.21 a driver education course before obtaining a driver's license. This is a onetime appropriation.

11.22 Sec. 11. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;**  
11.23 **PASSENGER RAIL.**

11.24 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** (a) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from  
11.25 the general fund to the commissioner of transportation for the following:

11.26 (1) intercity passenger rail projects in the Phase I corridors level identified in the 2015  
11.27 update to the state rail plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.03, subdivision 1b;

11.28 (2) providing state matching funds for obtaining federal grants to complete the Step 2  
11.29 service development plan under the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification  
11.30 and Development Program;

12.1 (3) planning, development, and staffing costs for the required application in subdivision  
 12.2 2, paragraph (a), and completion of the Step 1 scoping requirements under subdivision 2,  
 12.3 paragraph (b); and

12.4 (4) grants to political subdivisions for planning and service development activities  
 12.5 consistent with the passenger rail implementation and policy established in the state rail  
 12.6 plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.03, subdivision 1b, including:

12.7 (i) project cost estimates;

12.8 (ii) alternatives analysis;

12.9 (iii) preliminary engineering;

12.10 (iv) environmental analysis;

12.11 (v) benefit cost; or

12.12 (vi) economic impact analysis.

12.13 (b) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028. The appropriation  
 12.14 is only available for the Minnesota share of project costs.

12.15 Subd. 2. **Corridors; identification and development required.** (a) The commissioner  
 12.16 of transportation must apply to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification  
 12.17 and Development Program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act under  
 12.18 United States Code, title 49, section 25101(a), or a successor program, for planning and  
 12.19 development of two intercity passenger rail corridors with service originating in and  
 12.20 extending beyond Minnesota. The two routes include:

12.21 (1) passenger rail service from St. Paul to Fargo, North Dakota; and

12.22 (2) establishment of new passenger rail service from St. Paul to Kansas City, Missouri.

12.23 (b) Upon successful application and award of development funds from the Federal  
 12.24 Railroad Administration for the routes developed in paragraph (a), the commissioner must  
 12.25 execute and complete all Step 1 scoping requirements under the Corridor Identification and  
 12.26 Development Program for both routes in paragraph (a).

12.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

12.28 Sec. 12. **APPROPRIATION; SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION**  
 12.29 **MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION.**

12.30 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 12.31 of transportation for a grant to Southeast Service Cooperative for development and

13.1 implementation of a transportation management organization that provides services in the  
 13.2 counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele,  
 13.3 Wabasha, and Winona. This appropriation is available for implementation costs, planning,  
 13.4 and services related to transit and other forms of transportation. This is a onetime  
 13.5 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.

13.6 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the  
 13.7 commissioner must not use any amount of this appropriation for administrative costs.

13.8 Sec. 13. **TRANSFER.**

13.9 \$550,000 in fiscal year 2027 is transferred from the aircraft capital account under  
 13.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 360.024, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), to the air transportation  
 13.11 services account under Minnesota Statutes, section 360.024, subdivision 2, paragraph (a).  
 13.12 This is a onetime transfer.

## 13.13 **ARTICLE 2**

### 13.14 **TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND POLICY**

13.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 13.16 to read:

13.17 Subd. 111. **Officer / Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway.** That  
 13.18 segment of marked Trunk Highway 58 within the city of Zumbrota is designated as "Officer  
 13.19 / Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the  
 13.20 commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

13.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 161.46, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

13.22 Subd. 2. **Relocation of facilities; reimbursement.** (a) Whenever the commissioner  
 13.23 determines that the relocation of any utility facility is necessitated by the construction of a  
 13.24 project on the routes of federally aided trunk highways, including urban extensions thereof,  
 13.25 that are included within the National System of Interstate Highways, the owner or operator  
 13.26 of the utility facility must relocate the utility facility in accordance with the order of the  
 13.27 commissioner. Except as provided in section 161.45, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), or 7,  
 13.28 upon the completion of relocation of a utility facility, the cost of relocation must be  
 13.29 ascertained and paid out of the trunk highway fund by the commissioner, provided the  
 13.30 amount paid by the commissioner for reimbursement to a utility does not exceed the amount  
 13.31 on which the federal government bases its reimbursement for the interstate highway system.

14.1 (b) When a local unit of government, as defined in section 18B.01, subdivision 14a, or  
14.2 Minnesota Tribal government, as defined in section 10.65, subdivision 2, owns a utility  
14.3 system for supplying light, water, sanitary sewer service, or storm sewer service and the  
14.4 system is authorized by law to use a public highway for the location of the utility facility,  
14.5 the remaining service life of the utility must be determined by the commissioner and must  
14.6 be paid out of the trunk highway fund whenever the commissioner determines that a  
14.7 relocation of the system is required by the construction of a project on the trunk highway  
14.8 system.

14.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 165.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

14.10 Subd. 3. **Bridge.** "Bridge" is defined as a structure, including supports erected over a  
14.11 depression or an obstruction, such as water, a highway, or a railway, having a track or  
14.12 passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured  
14.13 horizontally along the center of the roadway of ten feet or more between undercopings of  
14.14 abutments, between the spring line of arches, or between the extreme ends of openings for  
14.15 multiple boxes. Bridge also includes multiple pipes where the clear distance between  
14.16 openings is less than one-half of the smaller contiguous opening. This definition of a bridge  
14.17 includes ~~only those railroad and pedestrian bridges over~~ structures carrying vehicular traffic  
14.18 on a public highway or street. Structures carrying railroad, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile,  
14.19 or pedestrian traffic are included in this definition only if the structures cross over a public  
14.20 highway or street.

14.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 165.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
14.22 read:

14.23 Subd. 3a. **Bridge and Structure Inspection Program Manual (BSIPM).** "BSIPM"  
14.24 means the Bridge and Structure Inspection Program Manual developed by the Department  
14.25 of Transportation Bridge Office to outline inspection and inventory procedures for bridges  
14.26 and tunnels in Minnesota.

14.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 165.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
14.28 read:

14.29 Subd. 5. **National Tunnel Inspection Standards (NTIS).** "NTIS" means standards  
14.30 established by the Federal Highway Administration in Code of Federal Regulations, title  
14.31 23, part 650, subpart E, incorporated here by reference.

15.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 165.03, is amended to read:

15.2 **165.03 STRENGTH OF BRIDGE; INSPECTION AND LOAD RATING.**

15.3 ~~Subdivision 1. **Standards generally.** Each bridge, including a privately owned bridge,~~  
 15.4 ~~must conform to the strength, width, clearance, and safety standards imposed by the~~  
 15.5 ~~commissioner for the connecting highway or street. This subdivision applies to a bridge~~  
 15.6 ~~that is constructed after August 1, 1989, on any public highway or street. The bridge must~~  
 15.7 ~~have sufficient strength to support with safety the maximum vehicle weights allowed under~~  
 15.8 ~~sections 169.822 to 169.829 and must have the minimum width specified in section 165.04,~~  
 15.9 ~~subdivision 3.~~

15.10 Subd. 1a. **Inspection.** ~~(a) Each bridge must be inspected annually, unless a longer interval~~  
 15.11 ~~not to exceed 24 months for bridges or 48 months for bridges classified as culverts is~~  
 15.12 ~~authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner's authorization must be based on factors~~  
 15.13 ~~including, but not limited to, the age and condition of the bridge, the rate of deterioration~~  
 15.14 ~~of the bridge, the type of structure, the susceptibility of the bridge to failure, and the~~  
 15.15 ~~characteristics of traffic on the bridge. The commissioner may require interim inspections~~  
 15.16 ~~at intervals of less than one year on bridges that are posted, bridges subjected to extreme~~  
 15.17 ~~seour conditions, bridges subject to significant substructure movement or settlement, and~~  
 15.18 ~~for other reasons as specified or inferred in the AASHTO manual.~~

15.19 ~~(b) Additional requirements apply to structures meeting the NBIS definition of a bridge:~~

15.20 ~~(1) Underwater structural elements must be inspected at regular intervals not to exceed~~  
 15.21 ~~60 months. The commissioner may require inspections at intervals of less than 60 months~~  
 15.22 ~~on certain underwater structural elements based on factors including, but not limited to,~~  
 15.23 ~~construction material, environment, age, seour characteristics, the condition ratings from~~  
 15.24 ~~past inspections, and any known deficiencies.~~

15.25 ~~(2) Fracture critical members, or FCMs, must receive a hands-on fracture critical~~  
 15.26 ~~inspection at intervals not to exceed 24 months. The commissioner may require inspections~~  
 15.27 ~~at intervals of less than 24 months on certain FCMs based on factors including, but not~~  
 15.28 ~~limited to, age, traffic characteristics, and any known deficiencies.~~

15.29 ~~(3) The commissioner may establish criteria to determine the level and frequency of~~  
 15.30 ~~these inspections. If warranted by special circumstances, the commissioner retains the~~  
 15.31 ~~authority to determine the inspection type and required inspection frequency for any bridge~~  
 15.32 ~~on the state inventory.~~

16.1 (a) Each bridge meeting the definition of a bridge in section 650.305 of the National  
 16.2 Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) must be inspected at intervals based on the requirements  
 16.3 in section 650.311 of the NBIS. The commissioner may require inspections at intervals less  
 16.4 than those required by the NBIS based on factors including but not limited to the age and  
 16.5 condition of the bridge, the rate of deterioration of the bridge, the type of structure, the  
 16.6 susceptibility of the bridge to failure, and the characteristics of traffic on the bridge.

16.7 (b) Each bridge meeting the definition of a bridge under section 165.01, subdivision 3,  
 16.8 but not meeting the definition of a bridge in section 650.305 of the NBIS must be inspected  
 16.9 at intervals determined by the commissioner based on factors including but not limited to  
 16.10 the age and condition of the bridge, the rate of deterioration of the bridge, the type of  
 16.11 structure, the susceptibility of the bridge to failure, and the characteristics of traffic on the  
 16.12 bridge.

16.13 (c) The interval tolerances outlined in section 650.311, paragraph (e), of the NBIS apply  
 16.14 to all bridge inspection types.

16.15 ~~(e)~~ (d) The thoroughness of each inspection depends on such factors as including age,  
 16.16 traffic characteristics, state of maintenance, and known deficiencies. The evaluation of these  
 16.17 factors is the responsibility of the engineer assigned the responsibility for inspection as  
 16.18 defined by the commissioner of transportation.

16.19 (e) For railroad, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, or pedestrian bridges, only those spans  
 16.20 passing over a public highway or street are required to be inspected.

16.21 **Subd. 2. Inspection and inventory responsibilities; rules; forms.** (a) The commissioner  
 16.22 ~~of transportation will~~ must adopt the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) established  
 16.23 by the Federal Highway Administration in Code of Federal Regulations, title 23, part 650,  
 16.24 subpart C, or its successor documents, for structures meeting the NBIS definition of a bridge.  
 16.25 The commissioner ~~shall~~ must establish inspection and inventory standards for structures  
 16.26 defined as bridges by section 165.01, subdivision 3.

16.27 (b) The commissioner ~~of transportation shall~~ must adopt official inventory and bridge  
 16.28 inspection report forms for use in making bridge inspections by the owners or highway  
 16.29 authorities specified by this subdivision. Inspections must be made at regular intervals, not  
 16.30 to exceed the intervals outlined in subdivision 1a, by the following owner or official:

16.31 (1) the commissioner ~~of transportation~~ for all bridges located wholly or partially within  
 16.32 or over the right-of-way of a state trunk highway;

17.1 (2) the county highway engineer for all bridges located wholly or partially within or  
 17.2 over the right-of-way of any county or town road, or any street within a municipality that  
 17.3 does not have a city engineer regularly employed;

17.4 (3) the city engineer for all bridges located wholly or partially within or over the  
 17.5 right-of-way of any street located within or along municipal limits;

17.6 (4) the commissioner of ~~transportation~~ in case of a toll bridge that is used by the general  
 17.7 public and that is not inspected and certified under subdivision 6~~;~~<sup>2</sup>, provided~~;~~ that the  
 17.8 commissioner of ~~transportation~~ may assess the owner for the costs of the inspection;

17.9 (5) the owner of a bridge over a public highway or street or that carries a roadway  
 17.10 designated for public use by a public authority; if not required to be inventoried and inspected  
 17.11 under clause (1), (2), (3), or (4)~~;~~<sup>2</sup>;

17.12 (6) the owner of a private vehicular bridge that is open to the public and is immediately  
 17.13 connected to a public road on both ends of the bridge, as described in section 650.303 of  
 17.14 the NBIS; and

17.15 (7) the agency operating the rail transit system for any rail transit bridge crossing over  
 17.16 a public highway or street, regardless of the bridge location in the right-of-way.

17.17 (c) The commissioner of ~~transportation shall~~ must prescribe the inspection and inventory  
 17.18 procedures required to administer the bridge inspection program in Minnesota and has the  
 17.19 authority to establish and publish standards that describe the inspection and inventory  
 17.20 requirements to ensure compliance with paragraph (a). The owner or highway authority  
 17.21 ~~shall~~ must inspect and inventory in accordance with these standards and furnish the  
 17.22 commissioner with ~~such~~ the data ~~as may be~~ necessary to maintain a central inventory.

17.23 Subd. 3. **County inventory and inspection records and reports.** The county engineer  
 17.24 ~~shall~~ must maintain a complete inventory record of all bridges as set forth in subdivision 2,  
 17.25 paragraph (b), clause (2), ~~with~~ including the inspection reports ~~thereof~~, and ~~shall~~ must certify  
 17.26 annually to the commissioner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that inspections have  
 17.27 been made at regular intervals, not to exceed the intervals outlined in subdivision 1a. A  
 17.28 report of the inspections must be filed annually, ~~on or before February 15 of each year~~, with  
 17.29 the county auditor or town clerk; or the governing body of the municipality. The report must  
 17.30 identify any deficiency requiring action, including the legal posting of load limits or the  
 17.31 need to have a load rating analysis performed, on any bridge or structure that is found to be  
 17.32 understrength or unsafe. The report may also contain other recommendations for improving  
 17.33 the safety of understrength or unsafe bridges.

18.1 Subd. 4. **Municipal inventory and inspection records and reports.** The city engineer  
18.2 ~~shall~~ must maintain a complete inventory record of all bridges as set forth in subdivision 2,  
18.3 paragraph (b), clause (3), with including the inspection reports ~~thereof~~, and ~~shall~~ must certify  
18.4 annually to the commissioner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that inspections have  
18.5 been made at regular intervals, not to exceed the intervals outlined in subdivision 1a. A  
18.6 report of the inspections must be filed annually, ~~on or before February 15 of each year~~, with  
18.7 the governing body of the municipality. The report must contain recommendations for the  
18.8 correction of or legal posting of load limits on any bridge or structure that is found to be  
18.9 understrength or unsafe.

18.10 Subd. 5. **Agreement.** Agreements may be made among the various units of governments,  
18.11 or between governmental units and qualified engineering personnel to carry out the  
18.12 responsibilities for the bridge inspections and reports, as established by subdivision 2.

18.13 Subd. 6. **Other bridges.** The owner of a toll bridge and the owner of a bridge described  
18.14 in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clause (5), ~~shall~~ must certify to the commissioner, as  
18.15 prescribed by the commissioner, that inspections of the bridge or culvert have been made  
18.16 at regular intervals, not to exceed the intervals outlined in subdivision 1a. The certification  
18.17 must be accompanied by a report of the inspection. The report must contain recommendations  
18.18 for the correction of or legal posting of load limitations if the bridge is found to be  
18.19 understrength or unsafe.

18.20 Subd. 6a. **Bridge load rating and posting.** (a) The term "posting" means the placement  
18.21 of regulatory signs at a bridge indicating the safe load carrying capacity of the bridge.

18.22 (b) Each structure required to be inspected under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), that carries  
18.23 roadway vehicular traffic must be load rated to determine its safe load carrying capacity,  
18.24 and this rating must be reported on a structure inventory sheet form provided by the  
18.25 commissioner ~~of transportation~~. A structure must be rerated when it is determined that a  
18.26 significant change has occurred in the condition of the structure or due to additional dead  
18.27 load placed on the structure since the last load rating. Load ratings must be reviewed and  
18.28 the structure rerated if necessary when the allowable legal load using the structure is  
18.29 increased. Changes in the load rating of a bridge must be indicated on the structure inventory  
18.30 sheet form.

18.31 (c) If it is determined that the maximum legal load under state law exceeds the load  
18.32 permitted on the structure under the operating rating stress level assigned, the bridge must  
18.33 be posted. Posting signs adopted by the commissioner ~~shall~~ must be used for the posting.

19.1 The owner or highway authority ~~shall~~ must post the bridge in accordance with the posted  
19.2 load assigned by the commissioner.

19.3 Subd. 7. **Department of Natural Resources bridge.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision  
19.4 2, the commissioners of transportation and natural resources ~~shall~~ must negotiate a  
19.5 memorandum of understanding that governs the inspection of bridges owned, operated, or  
19.6 maintained by the commissioner of natural resources.

19.7 (b) The memorandum of understanding must provide for:

19.8 (1) the inspection and inventory of bridges subject to federal law or regulations;

19.9 (2) the frequency of inspection of bridges described in subdivision 1a; and

19.10 (3) who may perform inspections required under the memorandum of understanding.

19.11 ~~Subd. 8. **Biennial report on bridge inspection quality assurance.** By February 1 of~~  
19.12 ~~each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit a report electronically to the~~  
19.13 ~~members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over~~  
19.14 ~~transportation policy and finance concerning quality assurance for bridge inspections. At a~~  
19.15 ~~minimum, the report must:~~

19.16 ~~(1) summarize the bridge inspection quality assurance and quality control procedures~~  
19.17 ~~used in Minnesota;~~

19.18 ~~(2) identify any substantive changes to quality assurance and quality control procedures~~  
19.19 ~~made in the previous two years;~~

19.20 ~~(3) summarize and provide a briefing on findings from bridge inspection quality reviews~~  
19.21 ~~performed in the previous two years;~~

19.22 ~~(4) identify actions taken and planned in response to findings from bridge inspection~~  
19.23 ~~quality reviews performed in the previous two years;~~

19.24 ~~(5) summarize the results of any bridge inspection compliance review by the Federal~~  
19.25 ~~Highway Administration; and~~

19.26 ~~(6) identify actions in response to the Federal Highway Administration compliance~~  
19.27 ~~review taken by the department in order to reach full compliance.~~

19.28 Sec. 7. **[165.16] BRIDGE STRENGTH.**

19.29 Each bridge, including a privately owned bridge, must conform to the strength, width,  
19.30 clearance, and safety standards imposed by the commissioner for the connecting highway  
19.31 or street. Any bridge on a public highway or street constructed after August 1, 1989, must

20.1 have sufficient strength to support with safety the maximum vehicle weights allowed under  
20.2 sections 169.822 to 169.829 and must have the minimum width specified in section 165.04,  
20.3 subdivision 3.

20.4 Sec. 8. [165.17] TUNNEL INSPECTIONS.

20.5 Each tunnel meeting the definition of a tunnel in section 650.505 of the National Tunnel  
20.6 Inspection Standards (NTIS) must be inspected at intervals based on the requirements in  
20.7 section 650.511, paragraph (b), of the NTIS. The commissioner may require inspections at  
20.8 intervals less than those required by the NTIS based on factors including but not limited to  
20.9 the age and condition of the tunnel, the rate of deterioration of the tunnel, the type of  
20.10 structure, the susceptibility of the tunnel to failure, and traffic characteristics.

20.11 Sec. 9. [165.18] SUICIDE PREVENTION.

20.12 Subdivision 1. **Data collection.** The commissioner of transportation, in collaboration  
20.13 with the commissioner of health, must identify bridges in Minnesota with a history of  
20.14 suicide-related deaths. The commissioner of transportation must:

20.15 (1) annually request and receive data from the commissioner of health regarding known  
20.16 suicide deaths from bridges in the state of Minnesota as obtained from the state's vital  
20.17 statistics records; and

20.18 (2) maintain a record of the data to support the identification of bridges for which suicide  
20.19 reduction measures may be appropriate.

20.20 Subd. 2. **Best practices.** The commissioner of transportation, in collaboration with the  
20.21 commissioner of health, must develop a methodology for determining when and where  
20.22 suicide reduction measures should be incorporated into bridge projects. The commissioner  
20.23 must:

20.24 (1) develop best practices for determining when suicide reduction measures should be  
20.25 considered on a project;

20.26 (2) identify potential suicide reduction measures and develop best practices for their  
20.27 appropriate and feasible use; and

20.28 (3) develop suicide reduction railing design criteria.

20.29 Subd. 3. **Railing implementation.** Suicide reduction railings must be implemented when  
20.30 determined appropriate and feasible using the methodology developed under subdivision  
20.31 2. This requirement applies to bridge projects undertaken by the commissioner of

21.1 transportation and by local road authorities when the project scope includes railing  
 21.2 replacement, alteration, or addition, consistent with the design criteria developed under  
 21.3 subdivision 2, clause (3).

21.4 Subd. 4. **Short title.** This section is the "Kayla's HOPE Act."

21.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

21.6 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.101, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

21.7 Subd. 2a. **Failure to send to registrar ~~within ten days~~.** Any person who fails to mail  
 21.8 in the application for registration or transfer with appropriate taxes and fees to the registrar  
 21.9 of motor vehicles or otherwise fails to submit ~~said~~ the forms and remittance to the registrar  
 21.10 within ~~ten~~ 20 calendar days following the date of sale ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor.

21.11 Sec. 11. [168.1236] **ARMED FORCES VETERAN SPECIAL PLATES.**

21.12 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) Notwithstanding section  
 21.13 168.1293, the commissioner shall issue a set of special veterans' plates or a single motorcycle  
 21.14 plate to an applicant who:

21.15 (1) satisfies the criteria for obtaining a veterans' special plate under section 168.123,  
 21.16 subdivision 1;

21.17 (2) does not meet the criteria for veterans' special plates under section 168.123,  
 21.18 subdivision 2;

21.19 (3) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002,  
 21.20 subdivision 24; recreational vehicle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 27; one-ton  
 21.21 pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 21b; or motorcycle as defined in  
 21.22 section 168.002, subdivision 19;

21.23 (4) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision  
 21.24 5, for each set of plates and any other fees required by this chapter;

21.25 (5) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013; and

21.26 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and  
 21.27 licensing of drivers.

21.28 (b) The applicant must have a certified copy of the applicant's discharge papers, indicating  
 21.29 character of discharge, at the time of application. If an applicant served in active military  
 21.30 service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the United States  
 21.31 in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service and discharge

22.1 status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as qualified for the  
22.2 special veterans' plates provided under this section.

22.3 Subd. 2. **Motorcycle plate.** A motorcycle plate issued under this section must be the  
22.4 same size as a regular motorcycle plate. The commissioner shall only issue one motorcycle  
22.5 plate for a motorcycle registered under subdivision 1.

22.6 Subd. 3. **Design.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "branch of the armed forces"  
22.7 means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine of the  
22.8 United States, and all other uniformed services as defined in United States Code, title 52,  
22.9 section 20310.

22.10 (b) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner of veterans  
22.11 affairs, must issue a special veterans' plate for each branch of the armed forces. The special  
22.12 plate must bear an inscription "VETERAN" at the bottom of the plate and include a special  
22.13 emblem of the branch of the armed forces. The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design,  
22.14 subject to the approval of the commissioner of public safety, the special emblem for each  
22.15 branch of the armed forces used for the veterans' special plates. The commissioner of public  
22.16 safety shall consult with veterans organizations from each branch of the armed forces on  
22.17 the design of the branch's special veterans' plate.

22.18 Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer  
22.19 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle  
22.20 if the subsequent vehicle is:

22.21 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (3); and

22.22 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

22.23 Subd. 5. **Fees.** The fees collected under this section must be deposited in the driver and  
22.24 vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705. Except for the fees paid under  
22.25 subdivision 1, the commissioner must issue a set of special veterans' plates, or a single plate  
22.26 for a motorcycle, to an eligible person free of charge and shall replace the plate or plates  
22.27 without charge if they become damaged.

22.28 Subd. 6. **Costs of production.** The commissioner of management and budget may  
22.29 transfer money in the "Support Our Troops" account under section 190.19, subdivision 2a,  
22.30 to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision  
22.31 1, to pay for the cost of production of the license plates authorized under this section. The  
22.32 commissioner of veterans affairs and the commissioner of public safety must agree on a  
22.33 payment schedule before any money may be transferred under this subdivision.

23.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026, for armed forces special  
 23.2 veterans' plates issued on or after that date.

23.3 Sec. 12. **[168.1245] DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS PLATE.**

23.4 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** (a) The commissioner must issue Distinguished Flying  
 23.5 Cross special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

23.6 (1) is a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross;

23.7 (2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle,  
 23.8 or recreational vehicle;

23.9 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013; and

23.10 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and  
 23.11 licensing of drivers.

23.12 (b) Application for issuance of Distinguished Flying Cross special license plates may  
 23.13 be made only at the time of renewal or first application for registration.

23.14 (c) The commissioner may issue only one set of Distinguished Flying Cross special  
 23.15 license plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle, for each qualified applicant.

23.16 Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of veterans  
 23.17 affairs, must design an emblem for the special plates that includes the Distinguished Flying  
 23.18 Cross medal and includes the phrase "DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS."

23.19 Subd. 3. **No fee.** The commissioner must issue a set of Distinguished Flying Cross special  
 23.20 license plates to qualified applicants free of charge, and the plates must be replaced free of  
 23.21 charge if they become damaged. No fee may be charged for a subsequent year when a motor  
 23.22 vehicle listed in subdivision 1, upon which the Distinguished Flying Cross special license  
 23.23 plates are placed, is registered under section 168.017.

23.24 Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, Distinguished  
 23.25 Flying Cross special license plates issued under this section may be transferred to another  
 23.26 motor vehicle upon notification to the commissioner and without payment of a fee if the  
 23.27 subsequent motor vehicle is:

23.28 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), to bear the special license  
 23.29 plates; and

23.30 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special license plates were originally  
 23.31 issued.

24.1 Subd. 5. **Exemption.** Special license plates issued under this section are not subject to  
24.2 section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

24.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, for Distinguished Flying  
24.4 Cross special license plates issued on or after that date.

24.5 Sec. 13. **[168.1257] MINNESOTA MAIN STREETS PLATES.**

24.6 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue Minnesota Main Streets  
24.7 special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

24.8 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup  
24.9 truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

24.10 (2) pays a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set  
24.11 of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

24.12 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

24.13 (4) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota Main Streets account; and

24.14 (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and  
24.15 licensing of drivers.

24.16 Subd. 2. **Design.** In consultation with the commissioner of employment and economic  
24.17 development, the commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes the phrase  
24.18 "Legendary Landmarks" to evoke the historic sites, commercial districts, and other landmarks  
24.19 that reflect the variety of Minnesota's communities.

24.20 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer  
24.21 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle  
24.22 if the subsequent vehicle is:

24.23 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

24.24 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

24.25 Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section  
24.26 168.1293, subdivision 2.

24.27 Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under  
24.28 subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota Main Streets account, which  
24.29 is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated  
24.30 to the commissioner of public safety. The appropriation is first for the annual cost of

25.1 administering the account, and the remainder is for distribution to Rethos exclusively for  
 25.2 the Minnesota Main Streets program.

25.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, for Minnesota Main  
 25.4 Streets plates issued on or after that date.

25.5 Sec. 14. **[168.1261] CURL IN MINNESOTA PLATES.**

25.6 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue curl in Minnesota  
 25.7 special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

25.8 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup  
 25.9 truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

25.10 (2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision  
 25.11 5, along with any other fees required under this chapter;

25.12 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

25.13 (4) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota Curling Association account;  
 25.14 and

25.15 (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and  
 25.16 licensing of drivers.

25.17 Subd. 2. **Design.** In consultation with the Minnesota Curling Association, the  
 25.18 commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes the inscription "Curl in  
 25.19 Minnesota."

25.20 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer  
 25.21 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle  
 25.22 if the subsequent vehicle is:

25.23 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

25.24 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

25.25 Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section  
 25.26 168.1293, subdivision 2.

25.27 Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under  
 25.28 subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota Curling Association account,  
 25.29 which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to  
 25.30 the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of

26.1 administering the account funds, and the remaining money is for distribution to the Minnesota  
 26.2 Curling Association for maintenance of curling facilities across Minnesota.

26.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

26.4 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.1285, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

26.5 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue Minnesota agriculture  
 26.6 special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

26.7 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, ~~none commercial~~ one-ton pickup  
 26.8 truck, motorcycle, farm truck, or recreational vehicle;

26.9 (2) pays a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set  
 26.10 of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

26.11 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013 or 168.018;

26.12 (4) contributes a minimum of \$20 annually to the Minnesota agriculture account; and

26.13 (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and  
 26.14 licensing of drivers.

26.15 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.1289, subdivision 1, is amended  
 26.16 to read:

26.17 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 26.18 the meanings given.

26.19 (b) "Auto rental company" means a corporation, partnership, individual, or other person  
 26.20 that is engaged primarily in the renting of at least 50 rental motor vehicles at per diem rates.

26.21 (c) "Rental motor vehicle" means a passenger automobile, ~~none commercial~~ one-ton pickup  
 26.22 truck, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or recreational vehicle made available for rental by  
 26.23 an auto rental company.

26.24 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

26.25 Subdivision 1. **Transfer of ownership.** (a) Upon the transfer of ownership, destruction,  
 26.26 theft, dismantling, or permanent removal by the owner from this state of any vehicle  
 26.27 registered in accordance with this chapter, the right of the owner of the vehicle to use the  
 26.28 registration certificate and plates assigned to the vehicle expires.

26.29 (b) When the ownership of a vehicle is transferred to another person required to register  
 26.30 the vehicle in this state, the transferor ~~shall~~ must assign the registration tax paid to the credit

27.1 of the transferee unless the registration stickers are surrendered to the commissioner before  
27.2 the first day of the new registration period.

27.3 (c) When seeking to become the owner by gift, trade, or purchase of any vehicle for  
27.4 which a registration certificate has been issued under this chapter, a person ~~shall~~ must join  
27.5 with the registered owner in transmitting with the application for transfer of ownership, the  
27.6 registration certificate, with the assignment and notice of sale duly executed.

27.7 (d) In case of loss of the title or certificate of registration of a vehicle not subject to  
27.8 section 325E.15, the person ~~shall make~~ must submit an application to the commissioner  
27.9 with proof of loss of the title as specified in section 168A.09 and assign a notice of sale of  
27.10 the vehicle on the application for title as specified in section 168A.04.

27.11 (e) Upon the transfer of any vehicle by a manufacturer or dealer, for use within the state,  
27.12 whether by sale, lease, or otherwise, the transferor ~~shall~~ must, within ~~ten~~ 20 calendar days  
27.13 after the transfer, file with the commissioner: (1) a notice containing the date of transfer, a  
27.14 description of the vehicle, and the transferee's name and residence address in the state or if  
27.15 not a natural person then the transferee's business and mailing address; and (2) the  
27.16 transferee's application for registration.

27.17 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.187, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

27.18 Subd. 12. **Registration of proratable vehicles.** (a) The commissioner ~~of public safety~~  
27.19 ~~shall~~ must register proratable vehicles of a fleet upon application and payment of registration  
27.20 fees as provided in subdivision 11. Payment of an additional fee for each vehicle so registered  
27.21 may be required by the commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$5 per motor powered  
27.22 vehicle, for issuance of a plate, sticker, or other suitable identification for each vehicle. A  
27.23 registration card ~~shall~~ must be issued for each vehicle registered, ~~which shall that~~  
27.24 ~~appropriately identify~~ identifies the vehicle for which it is issued. ~~Such~~ The registration  
27.25 card ~~shall~~ must be carried in or upon the vehicle for which it has been issued, at all times,  
27.26 except that the registration cards for all vehicles in a combination of vehicles may be carried  
27.27 in or upon the vehicle supplying the motive power.

27.28 (b) Fleet vehicles registered as provided in paragraph (a) ~~shall be~~ are deemed fully  
27.29 registered in this state for any type of movement or operation, except that when a state grant  
27.30 of authority is required for any movement or operation, ~~no such~~ the vehicle ~~shall~~ must not  
27.31 be operated in this state unless the vehicle owner or operator ~~thereof~~ has been granted  
27.32 authority or rights therefore by the state and unless ~~said~~ the vehicle is being operated in  
27.33 conformity with such authority or rights. No registration under this section ~~shall excuse~~

28.1 excuses the owner or operator of any vehicle from compliance with the laws of this state,  
28.2 except those requiring registration and licensing.

28.3 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner must replace a license  
28.4 plate or sticker that is (1) issued to a proratable vehicle, and (2) defective, lost, or stolen.  
28.5 The commissioner must replace the license plate or sticker under this paragraph upon  
28.6 receiving a sworn statement from the registered owner that affirms the issue with the  
28.7 previously issued license plate or sticker. The vehicle owner must surrender any available  
28.8 plates to the commissioner. A plate, sticker, or filing fee must not be imposed for replacement  
28.9 of a license plate or sticker under this paragraph.

28.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.27, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

28.11 Subd. 9. **Application.** (a) All license applications under this section and all license  
28.12 renewals must be made to the ~~registrar of motor vehicles~~ commissioner and duly verified  
28.13 by oath. The applicant shall ~~must~~ submit ~~such~~ the information as required by the registrar  
28.14 ~~may require~~ commissioner to administer this section in a manner and format prescribed by  
28.15 the registrar commissioner.

28.16 (b) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) to (f), a motor vehicle dealer must complete a  
28.17 title and registration application and must submit the application along with the excise and  
28.18 registration taxes and all applicable fees to the commissioner within 20 calendar days of  
28.19 the sale of a vehicle. The dealer must have on file an itemized receipt issued by the  
28.20 department showing a breakdown of the taxes and fees paid. The receipt must be maintained  
28.21 and made available for the commissioner's inspection for three years after the sale of the  
28.22 vehicle.

28.23 (c) If the purchaser is not a Minnesota customer, the dealer is not required to complete  
28.24 an application or submit the application, taxes, and fees.

28.25 (d) If the purchaser is eligible to pay a prorated tax and provides a prorated account number  
28.26 to the dealer, the dealer must complete and file a title application, but the dealer is not  
28.27 required to collect and submit either the excise tax or registration tax.

28.28 (e) If the vehicle is currently registered in Minnesota, the dealer is not required to collect  
28.29 and submit the registration tax.

28.30 (f) If the vehicle must have an emissions inspection before registration, the dealer is not  
28.31 required to collect and submit the registration tax.

29.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.2 Subd. 2. ~~Ten days to file~~ **Filing period.** The transferee's rights to the transferred vehicle's  
 29.3 registration plates and credit for taxes paid on the vehicle expire ~~after ten days have elapsed~~  
 29.4 ~~from the date of transfer~~ unless: (1) the transfer has been filed as provided under section  
 29.5 168A.10; or (2) the transferee is a dealer licensed under section 168.27, and is complying  
 29.6 with section 168A.11.

29.7 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168A.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.8 Subd. 2. **Secured party.** If the application refers to a vehicle purchased from a dealer  
 29.9 ~~it shall,~~ the application must contain the name and address of any secured party holding a  
 29.10 security interest created or reserved at the time of the sale and the date of the security  
 29.11 agreement and be signed by the dealer ~~as well as~~ and the owner, ~~and.~~ The dealer ~~shall within~~  
 29.12 ~~ten days~~ must mail or deliver the application and appropriate taxes to the department within  
 29.13 20 calendar days.

29.14 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168A.151, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

29.15 Subdivision 1. **Salvage and prior salvage brands.** (a) When an insurer, licensed to  
 29.16 conduct business in Minnesota, acquires ownership of a vehicle, excluding a recovered  
 29.17 intact vehicle, through payment of damages, the insurer must:

29.18 (1) for a late-model or high-value vehicle, immediately apply for a certificate of title  
 29.19 that bears a "salvage" brand or stamp the existing certificate of title with "salvage" in a  
 29.20 manner prescribed by the department; or

29.21 (2) for a vehicle that is not subject to clause (1), immediately apply for a certificate of  
 29.22 title that bears a "prior salvage" brand or stamp the existing certificate of title with "prior  
 29.23 salvage" in a manner prescribed by the department.

29.24 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, supporting documents used to transfer  
 29.25 ownership of a vehicle to an insurer after payment of damages do not require a notarized  
 29.26 signature and may be signed electronically. For purposes of this paragraph, supporting  
 29.27 documents include but are not limited to power of attorney forms. The insurer shall indemnify  
 29.28 and hold harmless the department for any claims resulting from issuing a certificate of title,  
 29.29 salvage title, or junking certificate pursuant to this section.

29.30 (c) Within ~~ten~~ 20 calendar days of obtaining the title of a vehicle through payment of  
 29.31 damages, an insurer must notify the department in a manner prescribed by the department.

30.1 (d) Except as provided in section 168A.11, subdivision 1, a person must immediately  
 30.2 apply for a certificate of title that bears a "salvage" brand if the person acquires a damaged  
 30.3 late-model or high-value vehicle that:

30.4 (1) was acquired by an insurer through payment of damages;

30.5 (2) will incur a cost of repairs that exceeds the value of the damaged vehicle;

30.6 (3) has an out-of-state salvage certificate of title as proof of ownership; or

30.7 (4) bears the brand "damaged," "repairable," "salvage," or any similar term on the  
 30.8 certificate of title.

30.9 (e) Except as provided in section 168A.11, subdivision 1, a person must immediately  
 30.10 apply for a certificate of title that bears a "prior salvage" brand if the person acquires a  
 30.11 damaged vehicle and:

30.12 (1) a "salvage" brand is not required under paragraph (d); and

30.13 (2) the vehicle:

30.14 (i) bears the brand "damaged," "repairable," "salvage," "rebuilt," "reconditioned," or  
 30.15 any similar term on the certificate of title; or

30.16 (ii) had a salvage certificate of title or brand issued at any time in the vehicle's history  
 30.17 by any other jurisdiction.

30.18 (f) A self-insured owner of a vehicle that sustains damage by collision or other occurrence  
 30.19 which exceeds 80 percent of its actual cash value must:

30.20 (1) for a late-model or high-value vehicle, immediately apply for a certificate of title  
 30.21 that bears a "salvage" brand; or

30.22 (2) for a vehicle that is not subject to clause (1), immediately apply for a certificate of  
 30.23 title that bears a "prior salvage" brand.

30.24 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168A.154, is amended to read:

30.25 **168A.154 SALVAGE VEHICLE TAKEN OUT OF STATE.**

30.26 A dealer who sells a salvage vehicle to a buyer who intends to remove the vehicle from  
 30.27 the state ~~shall~~ must report the sale within ~~ten~~ 20 calendar days to the department in a format  
 30.28 prescribed by the department.

31.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.16, is amended to read:

31.2 **168B.16 FLASHING LIGHT AND VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN ON TOW**  
 31.3 **TRUCK.**

31.4 (a) A tow truck or towing vehicle must be equipped with flashing or intermittent red  
 31.5 and amber lights of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety. The lights must  
 31.6 be placed on the dome of the vehicle at the highest practicable point visible from a distance  
 31.7 of 500 feet. The flashing red light must be displayed only when the tow truck or towing  
 31.8 vehicle is engaged in emergency service on or near the traveled portion of a highway. The  
 31.9 flashing amber light may be displayed when the tow truck or towing vehicle is moving a  
 31.10 disabled vehicle.

31.11 (b) A tow truck or towing vehicle may display a portable variable message sign mounted  
 31.12 on the tow truck while performing emergency service on or near the traveled portion of a  
 31.13 highway. The portable variable message sign must conform to the standards established in  
 31.14 the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

31.15 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, subdivision 40b, is amended to read:

31.16 Subd. 40b. **Micromobility device.** (a) "Micromobility device" means a vehicle that:

31.17 (1) is capable of: (i) being propelled solely by human power; (ii) being powered solely  
 31.18 by an electric motor drawing current from rechargeable storage batteries, fuel cells, or other  
 31.19 portable sources of electrical current; or (iii) both (i) and (ii);

31.20 (2) when solely powered by an electric motor, is not capable of propelling the vehicle  
 31.21 at a speed greater than ~~30~~ 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface; and

31.22 (3) has an unloaded weight of up to ~~500~~ 100 pounds.

31.23 (b) Micromobility device includes a bicycle, a motorized foot scooter, and an electric  
 31.24 personal assistive mobility device. ~~Micromobility device includes a motorized bicycle that~~  
 31.25 ~~meets the requirements under paragraph (a).~~

31.26 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, subdivision 44, is amended to read:

31.27 Subd. 44. **Motorcycle.** (a) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle ~~having~~ that:

31.28 (1) has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider ~~and~~;

31.29 (2) is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;  
 31.30 ~~including~~; and

32.1 (3) is propelled by an electric or liquid fuel motor.

32.2 (b) Motorcycle includes but is not limited to:

32.3 (1) a vehicle under paragraph (a) or a bicycle that has an electric motor of at least 1,500  
 32.4 watts or that is capable of being propelled by an electric or liquid fuel motor at speeds in  
 32.5 excess of 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than one percent grade in any  
 32.6 direction;

32.7 (2) motor scooters; and

32.8 (3) autocycles.

32.9 (c) A vehicle is not a motorcycle ~~does not include~~ if it meets the requirements of:

32.10 (1) a motorized ~~bicycle~~ bicycle as defined in subdivision 45;

32.11 (2) an electric-assisted ~~bicycle~~ bicycle as defined in subdivision 27;

32.12 (3) a motorized foot scooter;

32.13 (4) a tractor; or

32.14 ~~(4)~~ (5) a roadable aircraft.

32.15 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, subdivision 45, is amended to read:

32.16 Subd. 45. **Motorized bicycle.** (a) "Motorized bicycle" means a bicycle or other vehicle  
 32.17 that has a seat for the use of the rider and is designed to travel on not more than two wheels  
 32.18 in contact with the ground, that is:

32.19 (1) propelled by an electric motor of more than 750 watts but less than 1,500 watts or a  
 32.20 liquid fuel motor of a piston displacement capacity of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and a  
 32.21 maximum of two brake horsepower, ~~which is;~~ and

32.22 (2) capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface  
 32.23 with not more than one percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged.

32.24 (b) Motorized bicycle does not include an electric-assisted bicycle as defined in  
 32.25 subdivision 27.

32.26 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, subdivision 71, is amended to read:

32.27 Subd. 71. **School bus.** (a) "School bus" means a motor vehicle used to transport pupils  
 32.28 to or from a school defined in section 120A.22, or to or from school-related activities, by  
 32.29 the school or a school district, or by someone under an agreement with the school or a school

33.1 district, or to provide training on the operation of the vehicle to employees of the school,  
33.2 school district, or a person under an agreement with the school or school district. A school  
33.3 bus does not include a motor vehicle transporting children to or from school for which  
33.4 parents or guardians receive direct compensation from a school district, a motor coach  
33.5 operating under charter carrier authority, a transit bus providing services as defined in section  
33.6 174.22, subdivision 7, or a vehicle otherwise qualifying as a type III vehicle under paragraph  
33.7 (h), when the vehicle is properly registered and insured and being driven by an employee  
33.8 or agent of a school district for nonscheduled or nonregular transportation.

33.9 (b) A school bus may be type A, type B, type C, or type D, multifunction school activity  
33.10 bus, or type III as provided in paragraphs (c) to (h).

33.11 (c) A "type A school bus" is a van conversion or bus constructed utilizing a cutaway  
33.12 front section vehicle with a left-side driver's door. This definition includes two classifications:  
33.13 type A-I, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) less than or equal to 14,500 pounds;  
33.14 and type A-II, with a GVWR greater than 14,500 pounds and less than or equal to 21,500  
33.15 pounds.

33.16 (d) A "type B school bus" is constructed utilizing a stripped chassis. The entrance door  
33.17 is behind the front wheels. This definition includes two classifications: type B-I, with a  
33.18 GVWR less than or equal to 10,000 pounds; and type B-II, with a GVWR greater than  
33.19 10,000 pounds.

33.20 (e) A "type C school bus" is constructed utilizing a chassis with a hood and front fender  
33.21 assembly. The entrance door is behind the front wheels. A "type C school bus" also includes  
33.22 a cutaway truck chassis or truck chassis with cab, with or without a left side door, and with  
33.23 a GVWR greater than 21,500 pounds.

33.24 (f) A "type D school bus" is constructed utilizing a stripped chassis. The entrance door  
33.25 is ahead of the front wheels.

33.26 (g) A "multifunction school activity bus" is a school bus that meets the definition of a  
33.27 multifunction school activity bus in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.3. A  
33.28 vehicle that meets the definition of a type III vehicle is not a multifunction school activity  
33.29 bus.

33.30 (h) A "type III vehicle" is restricted to passenger vehicles and buses having a maximum  
33.31 manufacturer's rated seating capacity of ten or fewer people, including the driver, and a  
33.32 gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. A "type III vehicle" must not be  
33.33 outwardly equipped and identified as a type A, B, C, or D school bus or type A, B, C, or D  
33.34 Head Start bus. A van or bus converted to a seating capacity of ten or fewer and placed in

34.1 service on or after August 1, 1999, must have been originally manufactured to comply with  
34.2 the passenger safety standards.

34.3 (i) In this subdivision, "gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the  
34.4 manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.

34.5 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

34.6 Subdivision 1. **Application to persons, places, and vehicles.** (a) The provisions of this  
34.7 chapter relating to the operation of vehicles refer exclusively to the operation of vehicles  
34.8 upon highways, and upon highways, streets, private roads, and roadways situated on property  
34.9 owned, leased, or occupied by the regents of the University of Minnesota, or the University  
34.10 of Minnesota, except:

34.11 (1) where a different place is specifically referred to in a given section;

34.12 (2) the provisions of sections 169.09 to 169.13 apply to any person who drives, operates,  
34.13 or is in physical control of a motor vehicle within this state or upon the ice of any boundary  
34.14 water of this state, and to any person who drives, operates, or is in physical control of a  
34.15 snowmobile on a snowmobile trail within this state.

34.16 (b) A person must not operate a vehicle upon the highways of Minnesota unless, at the  
34.17 time of operation, the vehicle satisfies the specifications of a type of vehicle that is defined  
34.18 in section 169.011. For the purposes of this paragraph, it is not sufficient for the vehicle to  
34.19 only meet the definition of vehicle, as that term is defined in section 169.011, subdivision  
34.20 92.

34.21 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.09, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

34.22 Subd. 8. **Officer to report accident to commissioner.** (a) A peace officer who  
34.23 investigates in the regular course of duty an accident that is required to be reported under  
34.24 this section must submit an electronic or written report of the accident to the commissioner  
34.25 of public safety within ten days after the date of the accident. Within two business days  
34.26 after identification of a fatality that resulted from an accident, the reporting agency must  
34.27 notify the commissioner of the basic circumstances of the accident. A report or notification  
34.28 under this subdivision must be in the format as prescribed in subdivision 9.

34.29 (b) Accidents on streets, highways, roadways, sidewalks, shoulders, shared use paths,  
34.30 or any other portion of a public right-of-way must be reported under the requirements of  
34.31 this section if the accident results in:

34.32 (1) a fatality;

35.1 (2) bodily injury to a person who, because of the injury, immediately receives medical  
35.2 treatment away from or at the scene of the accident;

35.3 (3) one or more of the motor vehicles incurring disabling damage that requires a vehicle  
35.4 to be transported away from the scene of the accident by tow truck or other vehicle; or

35.5 (4) damage to fixtures, infrastructure, or any other property alongside or on a highway.

35.6 (c) An accident involving a school bus, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71,  
35.7 must be reported under the requirements of this section and section 169.4511.

35.8 (d) An accident involving a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 169.781,  
35.9 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), must be reported under the requirements of this section and  
35.10 section 169.783.

35.11 (e) Accidents occurring on public lands or trail systems that result in the circumstances  
35.12 specified in paragraph (b) must be reported under the requirements of this section.

35.13 (f) An accident involving an electric-assisted or a motorized bicycle, as defined in section  
35.14 169.011, subdivisions 27 and 45, that results in the circumstances specified in paragraph  
35.15 (b) must be reported under the requirements of this section.

35.16 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.222, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

35.17 Subdivision 1. **Traffic laws apply.** (a) Every person operating a bicycle has all of the  
35.18 rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle by this chapter, except in  
35.19 respect to those provisions in this chapter relating expressly to bicycles and in respect to  
35.20 those provisions of this chapter which by their nature cannot reasonably be applied to  
35.21 bicycles. This ~~subdivision~~ paragraph applies to a bicycle operating on the roadway or the  
35.22 shoulder of a roadway.

35.23 (b) A person lawfully operating a bicycle (1) on a sidewalk, or (2) across a roadway or  
35.24 shoulder while using a crosswalk has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian  
35.25 under the same circumstances.

35.26 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.222, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

35.27 Subd. 6a. **Electric-assisted bicycle; riding rules.** (a) A person may operate an  
35.28 electric-assisted bicycle in the same manner as provided for operation of other bicycles,  
35.29 including but not limited to operation on the shoulder of a roadway, a bicycle lane, and a  
35.30 bicycle route, and operation without the motor engaged on a bikeway or bicycle trail.

36.1 (b) A person may operate a class 1 or class 2 electric-assisted bicycle with the motor  
36.2 engaged on a bicycle path, bicycle trail, or shared use path unless prohibited under section  
36.3 85.015, subdivision 1d; 85.018, subdivision 2, paragraph (d); or 160.263, subdivision 2,  
36.4 paragraph (b), as applicable.

36.5 (c) A person may operate a class 3 electric-assisted bicycle or multiple mode  
36.6 electric-assisted bicycle with the motor engaged on a bicycle path, bicycle trail, or shared  
36.7 use path unless the local authority or state agency having jurisdiction over the bicycle path  
36.8 or trail prohibits the operation.

36.9 (d) The local authority or state agency having jurisdiction over a trail or over a bike park  
36.10 that is designated as nonmotorized and that has a natural surface tread made by clearing  
36.11 and grading the native soil with no added surfacing materials may regulate the operation of  
36.12 an electric-assisted bicycle.

36.13 (e) A person under the age of 15 must not operate an electric-assisted bicycle.

36.14 (f) A person under the age of 18 must wear protective headgear that meets or exceeds  
36.15 the standards under Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, part 1203, or successor  
36.16 requirements while operating an electric-assisted bicycle.

36.17 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.222, subdivision 6b, is amended to read:

36.18 Subd. 6b. **Electric-assisted bicycle; equipment.** (a) The manufacturer or distributor of  
36.19 an electric-assisted bicycle must apply a label to the bicycle that is permanently affixed in  
36.20 a prominent location. The label must contain the class number, top assisted speed, and motor  
36.21 wattage of the electric-assisted bicycle, and must be printed in a legible font with at least  
36.22 9-point type. A multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle must have labeling that identifies  
36.23 the highest class or each of the electric-assisted bicycle classes in which it is capable of  
36.24 operating.

36.25 (b) A person must not modify an electric-assisted bicycle to change the motor-powered  
36.26 speed capability or motor engagement so that the bicycle no longer meets the requirements  
36.27 for the applicable class, unless:

36.28 (1) the person replaces the label required in paragraph (a) with revised information; or

36.29 (2) for a vehicle that no longer meets the requirements for any electric-assisted bicycle  
36.30 class, the person removes the labeling as an electric-assisted bicycle and replaces it with  
36.31 labeling that conforms with the requirements of section 169.223, subdivision 6.

37.1 (c) An electric-assisted bicycle must operate in a manner so that the electric motor is  
 37.2 disengaged or ceases to function: (1) when the brakes are applied; or (2) except for a class  
 37.3 2 electric-assisted bicycle or a multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle operating in class 2  
 37.4 mode, when the rider stops pedaling.

37.5 (d) A class 3 electric-assisted bicycle or multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle must  
 37.6 be equipped with a speedometer that displays the speed at which the bicycle is traveling in  
 37.7 miles per hour.

37.8 (e) A multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a throttle must not be capable  
 37.9 of exceeding 20 miles per hour on motorized propulsion alone in any mode when the throttle  
 37.10 is engaged.

37.11 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.223, is amended to read:

37.12 **169.223 MOTORIZED BICYCLE.**

37.13 Subdivision 1. ~~Safety equipment; parking~~ **Rules for motorcycles apply;**  
 37.14 **exceptions.** Section 169.974 relating to motorcycles is applicable to motorized bicycles,  
 37.15 except as otherwise provided in this section and except that:

37.16 (1) protective headgear includes headgear that meets or exceeds the standards under  
 37.17 Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, part 1203, or successor requirements and is only  
 37.18 required for operators under 18 years of age; and

37.19 ~~(2) a motorized bicycle equipped with a headlight and taillight meeting the requirements~~  
 37.20 ~~of lighting for motorcycles may be operated during nighttime hours;~~

37.21 ~~(3) protective headgear is not required for operators 18 years of age or older; and~~

37.22 ~~(4)~~ (2) the provisions of section 169.222, subdivision 9, governing the parking of bicycles  
 37.23 apply to motorized bicycles.

37.24 Subd. 2. **License or permit.** (a) A motorized bicycle may be operated under either a  
 37.25 driver's license or a motorized bicycle permit issued under section 171.02, subdivision 3.

37.26 (b) A person under the age of 16 operating a motorized bicycle under a motorized bicycle  
 37.27 permit is subject to the restrictions imposed by section 169.974, subdivision 2, on operation  
 37.28 of a motorcycle under a two-wheel instruction permit, except that:

37.29 ~~(1)~~ a parent or guardian of an operator under the age of 16 may also ride on the motorized  
 37.30 bicycle as a passenger or operator if the motorized bicycle is equipped with a seat and  
 37.31 footrests for a second passenger;.

38.1 ~~(2) a motorized bicycle equipped with a headlight and taillight meeting the requirements~~  
 38.2 ~~of lighting for motorcycles may be operated during nighttime hours;~~

38.3 ~~(3) protective headgear includes headgear described in subdivision 1; and~~

38.4 ~~(4) protective headgear is required only until the operator reaches the age of 18 years.~~

38.5 Subd. 3. **Sidewalk, path, and passenger prohibitions.** ~~No person shall~~ (a) A person  
 38.6 must not operate a motorized bicycle upon a sidewalk at any time, except when such  
 38.7 operation is necessary for the most direct access to a roadway from a driveway, alley or  
 38.8 building. No person shall

38.9 (b) A person must not operate a motorized bicycle on a bicycle path or shared use path  
 38.10 at any time.

38.11 (c) A person must not operate a motorized bicycle that is carrying any person other than  
 38.12 the operator, except as allowed under subdivision 2.

38.13 Subd. 4. **Headlight requirement.** The provisions of section 169.974, subdivision 5,  
 38.14 paragraph ~~(k)~~ (l), apply to motorized bicycles ~~that are equipped with headlights. A new~~  
 38.15 ~~motorized bicycle sold or offered for sale in Minnesota must be equipped with a headlight.~~

38.16 Subd. 5. **Other operation requirements and prohibitions.** (a) A person operating a  
 38.17 motorized bicycle on a roadway shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or  
 38.18 edge of the roadway except in one of the following situations:

38.19 (1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

38.20 (2) when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;  
 38.21 or

38.22 (3) when reasonably necessary to avoid conditions, including fixed or moving objects,  
 38.23 vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or narrow width lanes, that make it unsafe  
 38.24 to continue along the right-hand curb or edge.

38.25 (b) Persons operating motorized bicycles on a roadway may not ride more than two  
 38.26 abreast and may not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. On a laned  
 38.27 roadway, a person operating a motorized bicycle shall ride within a single lane.

38.28 ~~(c) This section does not permit the operation of~~ A motorized bicycle must not be operated  
 38.29 on a bicycle path or bicycle lane that is reserved for the exclusive use of nonmotorized  
 38.30 traffic.

38.31 Subd. 6. **Labeling.** The manufacturer or distributor of a motorized bicycle must apply  
 38.32 a label to the motorized bicycle that is permanently affixed in a prominent location. The

39.1 label must contain the top assisted speed and the motor wattage of the motorized bicycle,  
39.2 and must be printed in a legible font with at least 9-point type.

39.3 Subd. 7. **Electrical safety standards.** No person may sell a motorized bicycle powered  
39.4 by an electric motor unless the motorized bicycle:

39.5 (1) has been certified by an independent third party ISO-17065 certified laboratory for  
39.6 compliance with ANSI/CAN/UL Standard 2272 and bears the certification mark of the  
39.7 laboratory; or

39.8 (2) has been certified by the vehicle manufacturer for compliance with SAE International  
39.9 standard J2929 or a similar applicable electrical safety standard approved by the  
39.10 commissioner of public safety.

39.11 Sec. 35. **[169.2231] MOTORIZED BICYCLE SAFETY COORDINATOR.**

39.12 Subdivision 1. **Motorized bicycle safety coordinator.** There is established a position  
39.13 of motorized bicycle safety coordinator in the Department of Public Safety, within the Office  
39.14 of Traffic Safety. The commissioner of public safety shall designate the coordinator.

39.15 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The duties of the coordinator include:

39.16 (1) educating state and local law enforcement and the public about the laws governing  
39.17 electric-assisted bicycles, motorized bicycles, motorized foot scooters, other micromobility  
39.18 devices, and motorcycles;

39.19 (2) assisting state and local law enforcement in identifying and categorizing the vehicles  
39.20 described in clause (1);

39.21 (3) creating and maintaining a database of manufacturers of the vehicles in clause (1)  
39.22 that classifies the manufacturers' products under state law;

39.23 (4) providing timely support to law enforcement to assist in identifying vehicles and  
39.24 applicable state law and rules; and

39.25 (5) providing technical assistance and advice related to the investigation and enforcement  
39.26 of sections 169.222, 169.223, and 325F.661.

39.27 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** The motorized bicycle safety coordinator must consult with  
39.28 the active transportation advisory committee regarding educational materials, vehicle  
39.29 classifications, and any policy recommendations provided under subdivision 2.

40.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.448, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

40.2 Subdivision 1. **Restrictions on appearance; misdemeanor.** (a) A bus that is not used  
40.3 as a school bus must not be operated on a street or highway unless it is painted a color  
40.4 significantly different than national school bus glossy yellow.

40.5 (b) A bus that is not used as a school bus or Head Start bus may not be operated if it is  
40.6 equipped with school bus or Head Start bus-related equipment and printing.

40.7 (c) A violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

40.8 (d) This subdivision does not apply to a school bus owned by or under contract to a  
40.9 school district operated as a charter or leased bus.

40.10 (e) This subdivision does not apply to a school bus operated by a licensed child care  
40.11 provider if:

40.12 (1) the stop-signal arm is removed;

40.13 (2) the lighting systems for prewarning flashing amber signals, flashing red signals, and  
40.14 supplemental warnings under section 169.4503, subdivision 31, are deactivated;

40.15 (3) the school bus is identified as a "child care bus" in letters at least eight inches high  
40.16 on the front and rear top of the bus;

40.17 (4) the name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator of the bus is  
40.18 identified on each front door of the bus in letters not less than three inches high; and

40.19 (5) the conditions under section 171.02, subdivision 2a, paragraphs (a) to (j) and (l),  
40.20 have been met.

40.21 (f) This subdivision does not apply to a bus operated by a licensed commercial driver  
40.22 training school under sections 171.33 to 171.41. The bus's stop-signal arm, and lighting  
40.23 systems for prewarning flashing amber signals, flashing red signals, and supplemental  
40.24 warnings under section 169.4503, subdivision 31, must not be used on a public street or  
40.25 highway.

40.26 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.449, is amended by adding a subdivision  
40.27 to read:

40.28 Subd. 3. **USDOT number.** Any person, district, or operator providing school  
40.29 transportation using a school bus, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, must apply  
40.30 for a USDOT number to be used for tracking inspections conducted pursuant to section  
40.31 169.451.

41.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.454, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

41.2 Subd. 5. ~~First aid kit and Body fluids cleanup kit.~~ A ~~minimum of a ten-unit first aid~~  
 41.3 ~~kit, and a~~ body fluids cleanup kit is required. ~~They~~ The kit must be contained in a removable,  
 41.4 moisture- and dust-proof ~~containers~~ container mounted in an accessible place within the  
 41.5 driver's compartment and must be marked to indicate ~~their~~ the kit's identity ~~and location~~.

41.6 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.454, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 41.7 to read:

41.8 Subd. 5a. First aid kit. A first aid kit meeting the requirements as defined in the current  
 41.9 version of the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures (NSTSP) must  
 41.10 be provided in vehicles model year 2027 and newer. All other vehicles may contain a  
 41.11 minimum of a ten-unit first aid kit, as specified in Minnesota Rules 1993, part 3520.5120,  
 41.12 or a first aid kit meeting the requirements of the NSTSP. After January 1, 2030, all type III  
 41.13 vehicles must be equipped with a first aid kit meeting the requirements of the NSTSP.

41.14 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.974, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 41.15 to read:

41.16 Subd. 8. Electrical safety standards. No person may sell a motorcycle powered by an  
 41.17 electric motor unless the motorcycle has been certified by the vehicle manufacturer for  
 41.18 compliance with:

41.19 (1) the latest revision of SAE International standard J2929; or

41.20 (2) a similar applicable standard from SAE International, International Organization for  
 41.21 Standardization (ISO), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), or  
 41.22 International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), or another electrical safety standard.

41.23 A standard under clause (2) must be approved by the commissioner of public safety.

41.24 Sec. 41. [169.981] SALE OR TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.

41.25 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "Public safety vehicle" has the  
 41.26 same meaning as "authorized emergency vehicle" in section 169.011, subdivision 3.

41.27 Subd. 2. Prohibition. A person may not sell or transfer a public safety vehicle to the  
 41.28 public unless the person first removes any equipment or insignia that could mislead a  
 41.29 reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a public safety vehicle, including any  
 41.30 emergency light, siren, amber warning light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline  
 41.31 of an emblem, or emergency vehicle equipment.

42.1 Subd. 3. **Certificate of compliance.** (a) Public safety agencies, before consummating  
42.2 the sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle, must provide a certificate of compliance to  
42.3 the transferee confirming that the vehicle has had the public safety markings removed.

42.4 (b) Sellers and auction houses, before consummating the sale or transfer of a public  
42.5 safety vehicle, must provide a certificate of compliance to the transferee confirming that  
42.6 the vehicle has had the public safety markings removed.

42.7 (c) The commissioner of public safety must design a standard certificate of compliance  
42.8 form and make the form publicly available without fee on the agency's publicly accessible  
42.9 website using existing appropriations.

42.10 Subd. 4. **Violations.** (a) A person who sells or transfers a public safety vehicle to the  
42.11 public in violation of this section is liable for:

42.12 (1) damages proximately caused by the use of that vehicle during the commission of a  
42.13 crime; and

42.14 (2) a civil penalty of \$2,500.

42.15 (b) Civil penalties collected under this subdivision must be deposited in the Minnesota  
42.16 victims of crime account created in section 299A.708.

42.17 Subd. 5. **Enforcement.** The attorney general may bring an action to recover the civil  
42.18 penalty established under subdivision 4.

42.19 Subd. 6. **Exemption.** Sales or transfers of public safety vehicles to members of the public  
42.20 for purpose of collection or display are exempt from the requirements of this section if the  
42.21 vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation  
42.22 purposes and is registered under section 168.10, subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1g, or 1h.

42.23 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.24 Subdivision 1. **Persons not eligible.** The department shall not issue a driver's license:

42.25 (1) to any person under 18 years unless:

42.26 (i) the applicant is 16 or 17 years of age and has a previously issued valid license from  
42.27 another state or country or the applicant has, for the 12 consecutive months preceding  
42.28 application, held a provisional license and during that time has incurred (A) no conviction  
42.29 for a violation of section 169A.20, 169A.33, 169A.35, sections 169A.50 to 169A.53, or  
42.30 section 171.177, (B) no conviction for a crash-related moving violation, and (C) not more  
42.31 than one conviction for a moving violation that is not crash related. "Moving violation"

43.1 means a violation of a traffic regulation but does not include a parking violation, vehicle  
43.2 equipment violation, or warning citation;

43.3 (ii) the application for a license is approved by (A) either parent when both reside in the  
43.4 same household as the minor applicant or, if otherwise, then (B) the parent or spouse of the  
43.5 parent having custody or, in the event there is no court order for custody, then (C) the parent  
43.6 or spouse of the parent with whom the minor is living or, if subitems (A) to (C) do not apply,  
43.7 then (D) the guardian having custody of the minor, (E) the foster parent or director of the  
43.8 transitional living program in which the child resides or, in the event a person under the age  
43.9 of 18 has no living father, mother, or guardian, or is married or otherwise legally  
43.10 emancipated, then (F) the minor's adult spouse, adult close family member, or adult employer;  
43.11 provided, that the approval required by this item contains a verification of the age of the  
43.12 applicant and the identity of the parent, guardian, adult spouse, adult close family member,  
43.13 or adult employer; and

43.14 (iii) the applicant presents a certification by the person who approves the application  
43.15 under item (ii), stating that the applicant has driven a motor vehicle accompanied by and  
43.16 under supervision of a licensed driver at least 21 years of age for at least ten hours during  
43.17 the period of provisional licensure;

43.18 (2) to any person who is 18 years of age or younger, unless the person has applied for,  
43.19 been issued, and possessed the appropriate instruction permit for a minimum of six months,  
43.20 and, with respect to a person under 18 years of age, a provisional license for a minimum of  
43.21 12 months;

43.22 (3) to any person who is 19 years of age or older, unless that person has applied for,  
43.23 been issued, and possessed the appropriate instruction permit for a minimum of three months;

43.24 (4) to any person whose license has been suspended during the period of suspension  
43.25 except that a suspended license may be reinstated during the period of suspension upon the  
43.26 licensee furnishing proof of financial responsibility in the same manner as provided in the  
43.27 Minnesota No-Fault Automobile Insurance Act;

43.28 (5) to any person whose license has been revoked except upon furnishing proof of  
43.29 financial responsibility in the same manner as provided in the Minnesota No-Fault  
43.30 Automobile Insurance Act and if otherwise qualified;

43.31 (6) to any drug-dependent person, as defined in section 254A.02, subdivision 5;

43.32 (7) to any person who has been adjudged legally incompetent by reason of mental illness,  
43.33 mental deficiency, or inebriation, and has not been restored to capacity, unless the department

44.1 is satisfied that the person is competent to operate a motor vehicle with safety to persons  
44.2 or property;

44.3 (8) to any person who is required by this chapter to take a vision, knowledge, or road  
44.4 examination, unless the person has successfully passed the examination. An applicant who  
44.5 fails four road tests must complete a minimum of six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction  
44.6 with an approved instructor before taking the road test again;

44.7 (9) to any person who is required under the Minnesota No-Fault Automobile Insurance  
44.8 Act to deposit proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited the proof;

44.9 (10) to any person when the commissioner has good cause to believe that the operation  
44.10 of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would be inimical to public safety or  
44.11 welfare;

44.12 (11) to any person when, in the opinion of the commissioner, the person is afflicted with  
44.13 or suffering from a physical or mental disability or disease that will affect the person in a  
44.14 manner as to prevent the person from exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a  
44.15 motor vehicle while operating it upon the highways;

44.16 (12) to a person who is unable to read and understand official signs regulating, warning,  
44.17 and directing traffic;

44.18 (13) to a child for whom a court has ordered denial of driving privileges under section  
44.19 260C.201, subdivision 1, or 260B.235, subdivision 5, until the period of denial is completed;  
44.20 ~~or~~

44.21 (14) to any person whose license has been canceled, during the period of cancellation;  
44.22 or

44.23 (15) to any person 20 years of age or under who has not completed a driver education  
44.24 program that includes both classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training.

44.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2028.

44.26 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
44.27 read:

44.28 Subd. 6c. **Speech condition identifier.** (a) Upon the written request of the applicant,  
44.29 the commissioner must issue a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing a  
44.30 graphic or written identifier for a speech condition or disorder, including but not limited to  
44.31 stuttering. The commissioner must not include any specific medical information on the  
44.32 driver's license or Minnesota identification card.

45.1 (b) On request of the applicant and payment of the required fee, the department must  
 45.2 issue a replacement or renewal license or identification card without the designation.

45.3 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.12, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

45.4 Subd. 1a. **Driver and vehicle services information system; security and auditing.** (a)

45.5 The commissioner must establish written procedures to ensure that only individuals  
 45.6 authorized by law may enter, update, or access not public data collected, created, or  
 45.7 maintained by the driver and vehicle services information system. An authorized individual's  
 45.8 ability to enter, update, or access data in the system must correspond to the official duties  
 45.9 or training level of the individual and to the statutory authorization granting access for that  
 45.10 purpose. All queries and responses, and all actions in which data are entered, updated,  
 45.11 accessed, shared, or disseminated, must be recorded in a data audit trail. Data contained in  
 45.12 the audit trail are public to the extent the data are not otherwise classified by law.

45.13 (b) If the commissioner determines that an individual willfully entered, updated, accessed,  
 45.14 shared, or disseminated data in violation of state or federal law, the commissioner must  
 45.15 impose disciplinary action. If an individual willfully gained access to data without  
 45.16 authorization by law, the commissioner must forward the matter to the appropriate  
 45.17 prosecuting authority for prosecution. The commissioner must not impose disciplinary  
 45.18 action against an individual who properly accessed data to complete an authorized transaction  
 45.19 or to resolve an issue that did not result in a completed authorized transaction.

45.20 (c) The commissioner must establish a process that allows an individual who was subject  
 45.21 to disciplinary action to appeal the action. If the commissioner imposes disciplinary action,  
 45.22 the commissioner must notify the individual in writing of the action, explain the reason for  
 45.23 the action, and explain how to appeal the action. The commissioner must transmit the  
 45.24 notification within five calendar days of the action.

45.25 ~~(d) The commissioner must arrange for an independent biennial audit of the driver and~~  
 45.26 ~~vehicle services information system to determine whether data currently in the system are~~  
 45.27 ~~classified correctly, how the data are used, and to verify compliance with this subdivision.~~  
 45.28 ~~The results of the audit are public. No later than 30 days following completion of the audit,~~  
 45.29 ~~the commissioner must provide a report summarizing the audit results to the commissioner~~  
 45.30 ~~of administration; the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house~~  
 45.31 ~~of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance,~~  
 45.32 ~~public safety, and data practices; and the Legislative Commission on Data Practices and~~  
 45.33 ~~Personal Data Privacy. The report must be submitted as required under section 3.195, except~~  
 45.34 ~~that printed copies are not required.~~

46.1 (e) (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "disciplinary action" means a formal or informal  
46.2 disciplinary measure, including but not limited to requiring corrective action or suspending  
46.3 or revoking the individual's access to the driver and vehicle information system.

46.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

46.5 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.12, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

46.6 Subd. 7b. **Data privacy; noncompliant license or identification card.** (a) With respect  
46.7 to noncompliant licenses or identification cards, the commissioner is prohibited from:

46.8 (1) electronically disseminating outside the state data that is not disseminated as of May  
46.9 19, 2017; or

46.10 (2) utilizing any electronic validation or verification system accessible from or maintained  
46.11 outside the state that is not in use as of May 19, 2017.

46.12 (b) The limitations in paragraph (a) do not apply to the extent necessary to:

46.13 (1) maintain compliance with the driver's license compact under section 171.50 and  
46.14 applicable federal law governing commercial driver's licenses;

46.15 (2) perform identity verification as part of an application for a replacement Social Security  
46.16 card issued by the Social Security Administration; ~~and~~

46.17 (3) perform identity verification for a program participant in the Transportation Security  
46.18 Administration's Registered Traveler program who has voluntarily provided their Minnesota  
46.19 driver's license or identification card to confirm their identity to a private entity operating  
46.20 under the Registered Traveler program; and

46.21 (4) validate or verify a United States passport, certificate of citizenship, or certificate of  
46.22 naturalization submitted with an application for a noncompliant license or identification  
46.23 card.

46.24 (c) For purposes of paragraph (b), clause (3), the information provided for identity  
46.25 verification is limited to name, date of birth, the license or identification card's identification  
46.26 number, issuance date, expiration date, and credential security features which does not  
46.27 include facial recognition.

46.28 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "outside the state" includes federal agencies, states  
46.29 other than Minnesota, organizations operating under agreement among the states, and private  
46.30 entities.

47.1 (e) Prior to disclosing to a data requester, other than the data subject, any data on  
 47.2 individuals relating to a noncompliant driver's license or identification card, the commissioner  
 47.3 or a driver's license agent must require the data requester to certify that the data requester  
 47.4 must not use the data for civil immigration enforcement purposes or disclose the data to a  
 47.5 state or federal government entity that primarily enforces immigration law or to any employee  
 47.6 or agent of any such government entity. A data requester who violates the certification  
 47.7 required in this paragraph may be liable in a civil action brought under section 13.08, may  
 47.8 be subject to criminal penalties under section 13.09, may have subsequent requests for  
 47.9 noncompliant driver's license or identification card data be denied by the commissioner,  
 47.10 and may lose access to the driver records subscription service under section 168.327. A  
 47.11 certification form used by the commissioner or a driver's license agent under this paragraph  
 47.12 must include information about penalties that apply for violations.

47.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2026, for noncompliant license  
 47.14 and identification card applications submitted on or after that date.

47.15 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.187, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

47.16 Subdivision 1. **Suspension required.** The commissioner shall suspend the driver's license  
 47.17 of a person:

47.18 (1) for whom a peace officer has made the certification described in section 629.344  
 47.19 that probable cause exists to believe that the person violated section 609.2112, subdivision  
 47.20 1, paragraph (a), ~~clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6)~~; 609.2113, subdivision 1, ~~clause (2), (3), (4),~~  
 47.21 ~~(5), or (6)~~; subdivision 2, ~~clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6)~~; or subdivision 3, ~~clause (2), (3),~~  
 47.22 ~~(4), (5), or (6)~~; or 609.2114, subdivision 1, ~~paragraph (a), clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6)~~, or  
 47.23 ~~subdivision 2, clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6)~~; or

47.24 (2) who has been formally charged with a violation of section 609.20, 609.205, 609.2112,  
 47.25 609.2113, or 609.2114, resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.

47.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to  
 47.27 certifications made on or after that date.

47.28 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 171.187, subdivision 3, is amended  
 47.29 to read:

47.30 Subd. 3. **Credit.** If a person whose driver's license was suspended under subdivision 1  
 47.31 is later convicted of the underlying offense that resulted in the suspension and the  
 47.32 commissioner revokes the person's license, the commissioner shall credit the time accrued

48.1 under the suspension period toward the revocation period imposed under section 171.178,  
 48.2 subdivision 6, or for violations of section:

48.3 (1) 609.20;

48.4 (2) 609.205;

48.5 (3) 609.2112, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), ~~clause (1), (7), or (8);~~

48.6 (4) 609.2113, ~~subdivision 1, clause (1), (7), or (8); subdivision 2, clause (1), (7), or (8);~~  
 48.7 ~~or subdivision 3, clause (1), (7), or (8); or~~

48.8 (5) 609.2114, ~~subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), (7), or (8), or subdivision 2, clause~~  
 48.9 ~~(1), (7), or (8).~~

48.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026.

48.11 Sec. 48. **[174.205] RESILIENT PAVEMENT PROGRAM.**

48.12 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 48.13 the meanings given.

48.14 (b) "Baseline project" means a trunk highway project without revision to pavement  
 48.15 design life.

48.16 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

48.17 (d) "Modified project" means a project that is revised or under a revision analysis to  
 48.18 contain a modified pavement design life using funds provided under the program.

48.19 (e) "Pavement cost" means the estimated total cost of pavement items, including pavement  
 48.20 foundation, for the project, in conformance with standard specifications for construction  
 48.21 established by the commissioner.

48.22 (f) "Program" means the resilient pavement program under this section.

48.23 **Subd. 2. Program established.** Subject to available funds, the commissioner must  
 48.24 establish a resilient pavement program to provide supplemental funding for revisions to  
 48.25 pavement design of trunk highway projects on the basis of long-term cost effectiveness.

48.26 **Subd. 3. Administration.** (a) In implementing the program, the commissioner must:

48.27 (1) establish procedures for identification, analysis, and selection of projects that receive  
 48.28 funding and are accordingly revised in the pavement design; and

48.29 (2) specify a modified pavement design life, whether through pavement material,  
 48.30 pavement foundation, or a combination, that is at least 50 years for modified projects.

49.1 (b) The commissioner must determine pavement design life using the current standard  
49.2 models used by the department for pavement design.

49.3 Subd. 4. **Project eligibility; cost effectiveness.** (a) To be eligible for funds under the  
49.4 program, a project must:

49.5 (1) be for trunk highway construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or improvement;

49.6 (2) be included in a prior or the current state transportation improvement program or  
49.7 capital highway investment plan with a proposed design life of less than or equal to 20  
49.8 years;

49.9 (3) be a modified project with a pavement design life as specified under subdivision 3,  
49.10 paragraph (a), clause (2); and

49.11 (4) have a cost-effectiveness ratio, as calculated under paragraph (b), that equals or is  
49.12 greater than one.

49.13 (b) The cost-effectiveness ratio is calculated as:

49.14 (1) the pavement cost of the baseline project, divided by the pavement design life of the  
49.15 baseline project; divided by

49.16 (2) the pavement cost of the modified project, divided by the modified pavement design  
49.17 life.

49.18 Subd. 5. **Use of funds.** (a) For a project selected under the program, the commissioner  
49.19 may expend program funds for up to 110 percent of the difference in anticipated pavement  
49.20 costs between the modified project and the baseline project.

49.21 (b) The commissioner must not expend funds under the program for program delivery.

49.22 Subd. 6. **Public information.** The commissioner must publish information regarding  
49.23 the program on the department's website. The information must include:

49.24 (1) a description of program implementation;

49.25 (2) identification of projects analyzed and selected under the program; and

49.26 (3) for each project selected, an overview that includes a brief project description, the  
49.27 pavement design changes, and information on expenditures from program funds.

49.28 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 174.38, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

49.29 Subd. 6. **Use of funds.** (a) The commissioner must determine permissible uses of financial  
49.30 assistance under this section, which are limited to:

50.1 (1) construction and maintenance of bicycle, trail, and pedestrian infrastructure, including  
50.2 but not limited to safe routes to school infrastructure and bicycle facilities and centers; and

50.3 (2) noninfrastructure programming, including activities as specified in section 174.40,  
50.4 subdivision 7a, paragraph (b).

50.5 (b) Of the amount made available in each fiscal year, the first ten percent, up to \$500,000,  
50.6 is for grants programming to develop, maintain, and implement active transportation safety  
50.7 curriculum for youth ages five to 14 years old, and if remaining funds are available, for (1)  
50.8 youth ages 15 to 17 years old, (2) adult active transportation safety programs, and (3) adult  
50.9 learn-to-ride programs. The curriculum must include resources for teachers and must meet  
50.10 the model training materials requirements under section 123B.935, subdivision 4.

50.11 **Sec. 50. [174.68] TRUCK PARKING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

50.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
50.13 the meanings given.

50.14 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

50.15 (c) "Program" means the truck parking improvement program established in this section.

50.16 Subd. 2. **Program established.** A truck parking improvement program is established  
50.17 to support improvements related to truck parking access, availability, and safety. Money  
50.18 may be appropriated from the trunk highway fund or the general fund for truck parking  
50.19 capacity improvements at public, private, or partnership-operated sites.

50.20 Subd. 3. **Program administration.** (a) The commissioner must establish program  
50.21 requirements in conformance with this section, including but not limited to a competitive  
50.22 process for project evaluation and discretionary award of financial assistance.

50.23 (b) The commissioner must conduct a solicitation for projects under the program in each  
50.24 fiscal year for which money is available. The commissioner must make reasonable efforts  
50.25 to publicize each solicitation among all eligible recipients.

50.26 (c) The commissioner may authorize expenditures, provide grants, enter into partnerships  
50.27 with local governments or private entities, including truck stops, or provide other financial  
50.28 assistance for a truck parking improvement project.

50.29 (d) The commissioner is prohibited from expending more than three percent of available  
50.30 money in a fiscal year under this section on program administration.

50.31 (e) No actions taken under this section are to be construed as authorizing the  
50.32 commercialization of any public rest area.

51.1 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** Eligible recipients of financial assistance under this section are:

51.2 (1) the Department of Transportation;

51.3 (2) a county;

51.4 (3) a statutory or home rule charter city that receives aid from the municipal state-aid  
51.5 street fund under chapter 162;

51.6 (4) a statutory or home rule charter city or a town in partnership with a political  
51.7 subdivision under clause (2) or (3);

51.8 (5) a metropolitan planning organization;

51.9 (6) a public or private port authority;

51.10 (7) an established truck stop business, commercial warehouse site, large retail company,  
51.11 or trucking service repair company; and

51.12 (8) an entity operating under a public-private partnership authorized by the commissioner.

51.13 Subd. 5. **Project evaluation.** In developing and maintaining criteria to evaluate  
51.14 applications, the commissioner must gather input from the Minnesota Freight Advisory  
51.15 Committee and consult with the Statewide Freight Investment Committee.

51.16 Subd. 6. **Use of money.** Financial assistance under the program may be used for:

51.17 (1) predesign, design, engineering, acquisition of land or permanent easements,  
51.18 environmental analysis and remediation, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of  
51.19 truck parking facilities;

51.20 (2) construction and maintenance of truck parking information systems;

51.21 (3) construction and maintenance of bathroom facilities that serve truck parking facilities;

51.22 (4) installation and relocation of utilities necessary for additional truck parking capacity;

51.23 (5) local match for federal grants for truck safety, truck parking, and hydrogen or electric  
51.24 truck fueling improvements;

51.25 (6) truck parking studies; and

51.26 (7) lighting, fencing, or security systems that are appurtenant to the construction of new  
51.27 parking spaces at a public rest area, an established truck stop business, commercial warehouse  
51.28 site, large retail company, or trucking service repair company.

51.29 Subd. 7. **Public information.** The commissioner must publish information regarding  
51.30 the program on the department's website. The information must include:

- 52.1 (1) an overview of program requirements and implementation;  
52.2 (2) identification of all projects considered in each project selection round; and  
52.3 (3) a review of each selected project, with amounts and sources of funding.

52.4 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216D.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
52.5 to read:

52.6 Subd. 2a. **Electronic positive response.** "Electronic positive response" means an  
52.7 electronic notification from an operator to the notification center regarding the status of a  
52.8 locate in the area of a proposed excavation or boundary survey.

52.9 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216D.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
52.10 to read:

52.11 Subd. 6. **Electronic positive response.** The notification center must make an electronic  
52.12 positive response from an operator available to the relevant excavator through electronic  
52.13 means.

52.14 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216D.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

52.15 Subd. 3. **Locating underground facility; operator.** (a) Prior to the conclusion of the  
52.16 locate period, an operator must locate and mark or otherwise provide the approximate  
52.17 horizontal location of the underground facilities of the operator and provide readily available  
52.18 information regarding the operator's abandoned and out-of-service underground facilities  
52.19 as shown on maps, drawings, diagrams, or other records used in the operator's normal course  
52.20 of business, without cost to the excavator. Prior to the conclusion of the locate period, an  
52.21 operator must provide an electronic positive response through the notification center for  
52.22 the notice of excavation. The excavator must determine the precise location of the  
52.23 underground facility, without damage, before excavating within two feet of the marked  
52.24 location of the underground facility.

52.25 (b) Within 96 hours or the time specified in the notice, whichever is later, after receiving  
52.26 a notice for boundary survey from the notification center, excluding Saturdays, Sundays,  
52.27 and holidays, unless otherwise agreed to between the land surveyor and operator, an operator  
52.28 must locate and mark or otherwise provide the approximate horizontal location of the  
52.29 underground facilities of the operator, without cost to the land surveyor. Prior to the  
52.30 conclusion of the time period under this paragraph, an operator must provide an electronic  
52.31 positive response through the notification center for the notice for boundary survey.

53.1 (c) For the purpose of this section, the approximate horizontal location of the underground  
53.2 facilities is a strip of land two feet on either side of the underground facilities.

53.3 (d) Markers used to designate the approximate horizontal location of underground  
53.4 facilities are subject to the following requirements:

53.5 (1) markers must be a combination of paint markings and at least one of the following:

53.6 (i) a flag or flags, (ii) a stake or stakes, or (iii) a whisker or whiskers;

53.7 (2) all markers under clause (1) must follow the current color code standard used by the  
53.8 American Public Works Association;

53.9 (3) markers must be located within a plus or minus two-foot tolerance; and

53.10 (4) the name of the operator must be indicated on each flag, stake, or whisker.

53.11 If the surface being marked is hard, markers without flags, stakes, or whiskers may be used  
53.12 but must comply with the color code standard and tolerance requirement under clauses (2)  
53.13 and (3).

53.14 (e) If the operator cannot complete marking of the excavation or boundary survey area  
53.15 before the excavation or boundary survey start time stated in the notice, the operator must  
53.16 promptly contact the excavator or land surveyor.

53.17 (f) Operators must maintain maps, drawings, diagrams, or other records of any  
53.18 underground facility abandoned or out-of-service after December 31, 1998.

53.19 (g) An operator or other person providing information pursuant to this subdivision is  
53.20 not responsible to any person, for any costs, claims, or damages for information provided  
53.21 in good faith regarding abandoned, out-of-service, or private or customer-owned underground  
53.22 facilities.

53.23 (h) An operator must use geospatial location information or an equivalent technology  
53.24 to develop as-built drawings of newly installed or newly abandoned facilities if exposed in  
53.25 the excavation area. The requirements under this paragraph apply (1) on or after January 1,  
53.26 2026, or (2) on or after January 1, 2027, for an operator that provided services to fewer than  
53.27 10,000 customers in calendar year 2025.

53.28 (i) An operator must provide up-to-date contact information to the notification center  
53.29 (1) as the contact changes occur, to the extent practicable, and (2) on at least a quarterly  
53.30 basis following a change in contact information. The contact information must include at  
53.31 least one telephone number designated by the operator to reach a person or persons regarding  
53.32 locates.

54.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, except that paragraph  
 54.2 (i) is effective January 1, 2027.

54.3 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 219.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 54.4 read:

54.5 Subd. 1a. **Crossing bells.** Notwithstanding this section or any other law or rule to the  
 54.6 contrary, the commissioner must not order or allow crossing bells to be silenced at any  
 54.7 railroad crossing equipped with an active warning system.

54.8 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 222.50, is amended to read:

54.9 **222.50 RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

54.10 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** ~~There is created~~ The rail service improvement program is  
 54.11 created to provide assistance for improvement of rail service in the state.

54.12 Subd. 2. **Identifying deteriorating rail line.** The commissioner ~~shall~~ must identify those  
 54.13 rail lines that have deteriorated or are in danger of deteriorating so as to be unable to carry  
 54.14 the speeds and weights necessary to efficiently transport the goods and products moved or  
 54.15 sought to be moved on the lines.

54.16 Subd. 3. **Commissioner's powers; rules.** The commissioner ~~shall have~~ has the power  
 54.17 to:

54.18 (1) set priorities for the allocation and expenditure of money or in kind contributions  
 54.19 authorized under the rail service improvement program and develop criteria for eligibility  
 54.20 and approval of projects under the program. The criteria ~~shall~~ must include the anticipated  
 54.21 economic and social benefits to the state and to the area being served and the economic  
 54.22 viability of the project;

54.23 (2) negotiate and enter into contracts for rail line rehabilitation or other rail service  
 54.24 improvement;

54.25 (3) disburse state and federal money for rail service improvements; and

54.26 (4) adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 222.46 to 222.54.

54.27 Subd. 4. **Contract.** The commissioner may negotiate and enter into contracts for the  
 54.28 purpose of rail service improvement and may incorporate funds available from the federal  
 54.29 government. The participants in these contracts ~~shall~~ must be railroads, rail users, and the  
 54.30 department, and may be political subdivisions of the state and the federal government. ~~In~~  
 54.31 ~~such contracts,~~ Participation by all parties ~~shall~~ in these contracts must be voluntary. The

55.1 commissioner may provide a portion of the money required to carry out the terms of ~~any~~  
 55.2 ~~such contract~~ these contracts by expenditure from ~~the~~ a rail service improvement account.

55.3 Subd. 5. **Contractual conditions.** In making any contract pursuant to subdivision 4, the  
 55.4 commissioner may:

55.5 (1) stipulate minimum operating standards for rail lines designed to achieve reasonable  
 55.6 transportation service for shippers and to achieve best use of funds invested in rail line  
 55.7 rehabilitation;

55.8 (2) require a portion of the total assistance for improving a rail line to be loaned to the  
 55.9 railroad by rail users and require the railroad to reimburse rail users for any loan on the  
 55.10 basis of use of the line and the revenues produced when the line has been improved;

55.11 (3) determine the terms and conditions under which all or any portion of state funds  
 55.12 allocated ~~shall~~ must be repaid to the department by the railroads. Reimbursement may be  
 55.13 made as a portion of the increased revenue derived from the improved rail line. Any loan  
 55.14 reimbursement received by the department pursuant to this clause ~~shall~~ for any project  
 55.15 financed with state general obligation bond funds must be deposited in the rail service  
 55.16 improvement account in the bond proceeds fund and ~~shall~~ any loan reimbursement received  
 55.17 by the department pursuant to this clause for any other projects must be deposited in the  
 55.18 rail service improvement account in the special revenue fund. Reimbursements received  
 55.19 under this clause must be appropriated exclusively for rehabilitating other rail lines in the  
 55.20 state pursuant to subdivision 4; and

55.21 (4) to the extent not prohibited by federal law or regulation, require that when the railroad  
 55.22 elects to contract for portions of the rehabilitation work or rail service improvement, the  
 55.23 railroad must select a contractor who is experienced in rail rehabilitation work, and must  
 55.24 require the contractor to:

55.25 (i) recruit any new workers from the area where the work is to be done; and

55.26 (ii) pay workers under the contract wages that are equal to or greater than the wages the  
 55.27 railroad pays its own workers for similar work, but not less than twice the state minimum  
 55.28 wage that state-covered employers are required to pay under section 177.24, subdivision 1,  
 55.29 paragraph (a).

55.30 Subd. 6. **Grants.** The commissioner may approve grants from ~~the~~ a rail service  
 55.31 improvement account for freight rail service improvements that support economic  
 55.32 development.

56.1 Subd. 7. **Expenditures.** (a) The commissioner may expend money from ~~the~~ a rail service  
56.2 improvement account for the following purposes:

56.3 (1) to make transfers as provided under section 222.57 or to pay interest adjustments on  
56.4 loans guaranteed under the state rail user and rail carrier loan guarantee program;

56.5 (2) to pay a portion of the costs of capital improvement projects designed to improve  
56.6 rail service of a rail user or a rail carrier;

56.7 (3) to pay a portion of the costs of rehabilitation projects designed to improve rail service  
56.8 of a rail user or a rail carrier;

56.9 (4) to acquire, maintain, manage, and dispose of railroad right-of-way pursuant to the  
56.10 state rail bank program;

56.11 (5) to provide for aerial photography survey of proposed and abandoned railroad tracks  
56.12 for the purpose of recording and reestablishing by analytical triangulation the existing  
56.13 alignment of the inplace track;

56.14 (6) to pay a portion of the costs of acquiring a rail line by a regional railroad authority  
56.15 established pursuant to chapter 398A;

56.16 (7) to pay the state matching portion of federal grants for rail-highway grade crossing  
56.17 improvement projects;

56.18 (8) to pay the nonfederal matching portion of federal grants for freight rail projects that  
56.19 support economic development;

56.20 (9) to fund rail planning studies; and

56.21 (10) to pay a portion of the costs of capital improvement projects designed to improve  
56.22 capacity or safety at rail yards.

56.23 (b) All money derived by the commissioner from the disposition of railroad right-of-way  
56.24 or of any other property acquired pursuant to sections 222.46 to 222.62 ~~shall~~ must be  
56.25 deposited in the rail service improvement account in the special revenue fund.

56.26 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.41, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

56.27 Subd. 3. **Killed in the line of duty.** (a) "Killed in the line of duty" does not include any  
56.28 deaths from natural causes, except as expressly provided in this subdivision. In the case of  
56.29 a public safety officer, killed in the line of duty includes the death of a public safety officer  
56.30 caused by accidental means while the public safety officer is acting in the course and scope  
56.31 of duties as a public safety officer. Killed in the line of duty also ~~means~~ includes if a public

57.1 safety officer dies as the direct and proximate result of a heart attack, stroke, or vascular  
 57.2 rupture, that officer ~~shall be~~ is presumed to have died as the direct and proximate result of  
 57.3 a personal injury sustained in the line of duty if:

57.4 (1) that officer, while on duty:

57.5 (i) engaged in a situation, and that engagement involved nonroutine stressful or strenuous  
 57.6 physical activity in law enforcement, fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material response,  
 57.7 emergency medical services, prison security, disaster relief, or other emergency response  
 57.8 activity; or

57.9 (ii) participated in a training exercise, and that participation involved nonroutine stressful  
 57.10 or strenuous physical activity;

57.11 (2) that officer died as a result of a heart attack, stroke, or vascular rupture suffered:

57.12 (i) while engaging or participating under clause (1);

57.13 (ii) while still on duty after engaging or participating under clause (1); or

57.14 (iii) not later than 24 hours after engaging or participating under clause (1); and

57.15 (3) the presumption is not overcome by competent medical evidence to the contrary.

57.16 (b) "Killed in the line of duty" also ~~means~~ includes that the officer died due to suicide:

57.17 (1) secondary to a diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder as described in the most  
 57.18 recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by  
 57.19 the American Psychiatric Association; or

57.20 (2) within 45 days of the end of exposure, while on duty, to a traumatic event.

57.21 (c) "Killed in the line of duty" also includes that the officer died as a result of  
 57.22 complications caused by exposure sustained in the line of duty to any of the following  
 57.23 infectious diseases, viruses, or bacteria, if medical records identify the disease, virus, or  
 57.24 bacteria as a cause of or contributing factor to the death: COVID-19, influenza, hepatitis  
 57.25 B, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, meningitis, MRSA, whooping cough, or  
 57.26 streptococcus pneumoniae.

57.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
 57.28 final enactment and applies retroactively from February 1, 2020.

58.1 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
58.2 to read:

58.3 Subd. 3a. **Nonroutine strenuous physical activity.** "Nonroutine strenuous physical  
58.4 activity" means line-of-duty activity that:

58.5 (1) is not an action of a clerical, administrative, or nonmanual nature;

58.6 (2) is not performed as a matter of routine; and

58.7 (3) entails an unusually high level of physical exertion.

58.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
58.9 final enactment and applies retroactively from February 1, 2020.

58.10 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
58.11 to read:

58.12 Subd. 3b. **Nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical activity.** "Nonroutine stressful  
58.13 or strenuous physical activity" means nonroutine stressful physical activity or nonroutine  
58.14 strenuous physical activity.

58.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
58.16 final enactment and applies retroactively from February 1, 2020.

58.17 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
58.18 to read:

58.19 Subd. 3c. **Nonroutine stressful physical activity.** "Nonroutine stressful physical activity"  
58.20 means line-of-duty activity that:

58.21 (1) is not an action of a clerical, administrative, or nonmanual nature;

58.22 (2) is not performed as a matter of routine;

58.23 (3) entails nonnegligible physical exertion; and

58.24 (4) occurs:

58.25 (i) with respect to a situation in which a public safety officer is engaged under  
58.26 circumstances that objectively and reasonably:

58.27 (A) pose or appear to pose significant dangers, threats, or hazards, or reasonably  
58.28 foreseeable risks thereof, not faced by similarly situated members of the public in the  
58.29 ordinary course; and

59.1 (B) provoke, cause, or occasion an unusually high level of alarm, fear, or anxiety; or

59.2 (ii) with respect to a training exercise in which a public safety officer participates under  
59.3 circumstances that objectively and reasonably:

59.4 (A) simulate in realistic fashion situations that pose significant dangers, threats, or  
59.5 hazards; and

59.6 (B) provoke, cause, or occasion an unusually high level of alarm, fear, or anxiety.

59.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
59.8 final enactment and applies retroactively from February 1, 2020.

59.9 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.41, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

59.10 Subd. 4. **Public safety officer.** "Public safety officer" includes:

59.11 (1) a peace officer defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c) or (d);

59.12 (2) a correction officer employed at a correctional facility and charged with maintaining  
59.13 the safety, security, discipline, and custody of inmates at the facility;

59.14 (3) a corrections staff person working in a public agency and supervising offenders in  
59.15 the community as defined in sections 243.05, subdivision 6; 244.19, subdivision 1; and  
59.16 401.01, subdivision 2;

59.17 (4) an individual employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the state or by a fire  
59.18 department of a governmental subdivision of the state, who is engaged in any of the following  
59.19 duties:

59.20 (i) firefighting;

59.21 (ii) emergency motor vehicle operation;

59.22 (iii) investigation into the cause and origin of fires;

59.23 (iv) the provision of emergency medical services; or

59.24 (v) hazardous material responder;

59.25 (5) a legally enrolled member of a volunteer or paid on-call fire department or member  
59.26 of an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation who is engaged in the hazards of  
59.27 firefighting;

59.28 (6) a good samaritan while complying with the request or direction of a public safety  
59.29 officer to assist the officer;

60.1 (7) a reserve police officer or a reserve deputy sheriff while acting under the supervision  
60.2 and authority of a political subdivision;

60.3 (8) a driver or attendant with a licensed basic or advanced life-support transportation  
60.4 service who is engaged in providing emergency care;

60.5 (9) a first responder who is certified by the director of the Office of Emergency Medical  
60.6 Services to perform basic emergency skills before the arrival of a licensed ambulance service  
60.7 and who is a member of an organized service recognized by a local political subdivision to  
60.8 respond to medical emergencies to provide initial medical care before the arrival of an  
60.9 ambulance; ~~and~~

60.10 (10) a person, other than a state trooper, employed by the commissioner of public safety  
60.11 and assigned to the State Patrol, whose primary employment duty is either Capitol security  
60.12 or the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations; and

60.13 (11) a person formerly employed as a public safety officer under clauses (1) to (5) or  
60.14 (7) to (10) if the person separated from service due to a duty disability, as defined in section  
60.15 353.01, subdivision 41.

60.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
60.17 final enactment and applies retroactively from February 1, 2020.

60.18 Sec. 61. **[299A.412] DETERMINING WHAT IS ROUTINE.**

60.19 Neither of the following is dispositive in determining whether an activity or action is  
60.20 understood to have been performed as a matter of routine under section 299A.41:

60.21 (1) being generally described by the public safety agency as routine or ordinary; or

60.22 (2) the frequency with which the activity or action may be performed.

60.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
60.24 final enactment and applies retroactively from February 1, 2020.

60.25 Sec. 62. **[299A.96] EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ELECTED**  
60.26 **OFFICIALS.**

60.27 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
60.28 the meanings given.

60.29 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

61.1 (c) "Elected official" means a state executive officer, member of the legislature, justice  
61.2 of the supreme court, or member of the state's federal congressional delegation.

61.3 Subd. 2. **Submitting contact information to commissioner.** (a) For purposes of  
61.4 subdivision 4, an elected official is encouraged to submit and verify annually by January  
61.5 31 to the commissioner in a format prescribed by the commissioner the following  
61.6 information:

61.7 (1) primary residential address;

61.8 (2) any secondary address in the state;

61.9 (3) work telephone number;

61.10 (4) home telephone number;

61.11 (5) email address; and

61.12 (6) list and contact information of immediate family members.

61.13 (b) An elected official is encouraged to notify the commissioner as soon as possible after  
61.14 changing any information under paragraph (a).

61.15 Subd. 3. **Data classification.** All information submitted under subdivision 2 is classified  
61.16 as private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12. The data may be accessed  
61.17 by only authorized personnel for official public safety purposes when used or disclosed  
61.18 under subdivision 4.

61.19 Subd. 4. **Using and disclosing information.** (a) The commissioner may use or disclose  
61.20 information under subdivision 2 only as follows:

61.21 (1) to ensure the safety and security of elected officials or their immediate family  
61.22 members; or

61.23 (2) for law enforcement purposes when needed for protecting public safety.

61.24 (b) Use or disclosure of the information under subdivision 2 is subject to the remedies  
61.25 and penalties under sections 13.08 and 13.09.

61.26 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299D.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

61.27 Subd. 2. **Salary and reimbursement.** (a) Each employee other than the chief supervisor,  
61.28 lieutenant colonel, majors, captains, lieutenants, corporals, and sergeants hereinafter  
61.29 designated shall be known as patrol troopers.

62.1 (b) There may be appointed one lieutenant colonel; and such majors, captains, lieutenants,  
 62.2 corporals, sergeants, and troopers as the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the  
 62.3 duties and functions of the State Patrol. Persons in above-named positions shall be appointed  
 62.4 by law and have such duties as the commissioner may direct and, except for troopers, shall  
 62.5 be selected from the patrol troopers, corporals, sergeants, captains, lieutenants, and majors  
 62.6 who shall have had at least five years' experience as either patrol troopers, corporals,  
 62.7 sergeants, or supervisors.

62.8 (c) The salary rates for all State Patrol troopers, corporals, and sergeants shall be deemed  
 62.9 to include \$6 per day reimbursement for shift differential, meal and business expenses  
 62.10 incurred by State Patrol troopers, corporals, and sergeants in the performance of their  
 62.11 assigned duties in their patrol areas; business expenses include, but are not limited to:  
 62.12 uniform costs, home garaging of squad cars, and maintenance of home office.

62.13 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299D.03, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

62.14 Subd. 2a. **Salary and benefits survey.** (a) By January 1 of 2021, 2024, 2027, and 2030  
 62.15 every odd-numbered year thereafter, the legislative auditor must conduct a compensation  
 62.16 ~~and benefit~~ survey of law enforcement officers in every police department:

62.17 (1) in a city with a population in excess of 25,000, located in a metropolitan county, as  
 62.18 defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, that is represented by a union certified by the  
 62.19 Bureau of Mediation Services; or

62.20 (2) in a city of the first class.

62.21 The State Patrol must also be included in the survey.

62.22 (b) The legislative auditor must base the survey on compensation ~~and benefits~~ for the  
 62.23 past completed calendar year. The survey must be based on full-time equivalent employees.  
 62.24 The legislative auditor must calculate compensation using base salary, overtime wages, and  
 62.25 premium pay. Premium pay is payment that is received by a majority of employees and  
 62.26 includes but is not limited to education pay and longevity pay. The legislative auditor must  
 62.27 not include any payments made to officers or troopers for work performed for an entity  
 62.28 other than the agency that employs the officer or trooper, regardless of who makes the  
 62.29 payment. ~~The legislative auditor must also include in the survey all benefits, including~~  
 62.30 ~~insurance, retirement, and pension benefits. The legislative auditor must include contributions~~  
 62.31 ~~from both the employee and employer when determining benefits.~~

62.32 (c) The legislative auditor must compile the survey results into a report. The report must  
 62.33 show each department separately. For each department, the survey must include:

63.1 ~~(1) an explanation of the salary structure, and include minimum and maximum salaries~~  
 63.2 ~~for each range or step; and.~~

63.3 ~~(2) an explanation of benefits offered, including the options that are offered and the~~  
 63.4 ~~employee and employer contribution for each option.~~

63.5 ~~Wherever possible, the report must be designed so that the data for each department is in~~  
 63.6 ~~the same table or grid format to facilitate easy comparison.~~

63.7 (d) By January 15 of 2021, 2024, 2027, and ~~2030~~ every odd-numbered year thereafter,  
 63.8 the legislative auditor must transmit the survey report to the chairs and ranking minority  
 63.9 members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over the  
 63.10 State Patrol budget.

63.11 (e) It is the legislature's intent to use the information in this study to compare salaries  
 63.12 between the identified police departments and the State Patrol and to make appropriate  
 63.13 increases to patrol trooper, captain, and lieutenant salaries. Nothing in this subdivision  
 63.14 precludes the collective bargaining of salaries or compensation in excess of salaries or  
 63.15 compensation supported by the salary survey. Salary adjustments for supervisory ranks,  
 63.16 including corporals, sergeants, lieutenants, and captains, must be proportionate to the salary  
 63.17 adjustments made for patrol troopers resulting from the survey. This subdivision does not  
 63.18 expand the scope of the salary survey beyond patrol troopers. For purposes of this paragraph,  
 63.19 "patrol troopers" has the meaning given in subdivision 2, paragraph (a).

63.20 Sec. 65. [299D.14] VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS.

63.21 Subdivision 1. **Volunteers permitted.** The commissioner or the chief supervisor of the  
 63.22 State Patrol may recruit, train, and accept, without regard to personnel laws or rules, the  
 63.23 services of individuals without compensation as volunteer chaplains to support members  
 63.24 of the State Patrol in their roles and responsibilities under this chapter.

63.25 Subd. 2. **Incidental expenses.** The chief supervisor may provide for the incidental  
 63.26 expenses of a volunteer chaplain, including transportation, lodging, and subsistence.

63.27 Subd. 3. **Application of law.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, a volunteer  
 63.28 chaplain is not a state employee and is not subject to the provisions of law relating to state  
 63.29 employment, including but not limited to those governing hours of work, rates of  
 63.30 compensation, leave, unemployment benefits, and state employee benefits.

64.1 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 360.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

64.2 Subdivision 1. **Authority to establish.** The commissioner is authorized and empowered,  
64.3 on behalf of and in the name of this state, within the limitation of available appropriations,  
64.4 to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, property,  
64.5 real or personal, for the purpose of establishing and constructing restricted landing areas  
64.6 and other air navigation facilities and to acquire in like manner, own, control, establish,  
64.7 construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, and police such restricted  
64.8 landing areas and other air navigation facilities, either within or without this state; and to  
64.9 make, prior to any such acquisition, investigations, surveys, and plans. The commissioner  
64.10 may maintain, equip, operate, regulate, and police airports, either within or without this  
64.11 state. The operation and maintenance of airports is an essential public service. The  
64.12 commissioner may maintain at such airports facilities for the servicing of aircraft and for  
64.13 the comfort and accommodation of air travelers. The commissioner may dispose of any  
64.14 such property, airport, restricted landing area, or any other air navigation facility, by sale,  
64.15 lease, or otherwise, in accordance with the laws of this state governing the disposition of  
64.16 other like property of the state. The commissioner may not acquire or take over any restricted  
64.17 landing area, or other air navigation facility without the consent of the owner. The  
64.18 commissioner shall not acquire any additional state airports nor establish any additional  
64.19 state-owned airports. The commissioner may erect, equip, operate, and maintain on any  
64.20 airport buildings and equipment necessary and proper to maintain, and conduct such airport  
64.21 and air navigation facilities connected therewith. The commissioner shall not expend money  
64.22 for land acquisition, or for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of airports, or  
64.23 for air navigation facilities for an airport, unless the municipality, county, or joint airport  
64.24 zoning board involved has or is establishing a zoning authority for that airport, and the  
64.25 authority has made a good-faith showing that it is in the process of and will complete with  
64.26 due diligence, an airport zoning ordinance in accordance with sections 360.061 to 360.074.  
64.27 The commissioner may provide funds to support airport safety projects that maintain existing  
64.28 infrastructure, regardless of a zoning authority's efforts to complete a zoning regulation.  
64.29 The commissioner may withhold funding from only the airport subject to the proposed  
64.30 zoning ordinance. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibition, the commissioner may continue~~  
64.31 ~~to maintain the state-owned airport at Pine Creek.~~

65.1 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 629.344, is amended to read:

65.2 **629.344 CRIMINAL VEHICULAR OPERATION AND MANSLAUGHTER;**  
 65.3 **CERTIFICATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE BY PEACE OFFICER.**

65.4 If a peace officer determines that probable cause exists to believe that a person has  
 65.5 violated section 609.2112, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), ~~clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6);~~  
 65.6 609.2113, subdivision 1, ~~clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6); subdivision 2, clause (2), (3), (4),~~  
 65.7 ~~(5), or (6); or subdivision 3, clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6);~~ or 609.2114, subdivision 1,  
 65.8 ~~paragraph (a), clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6); or subdivision 2, clause (2), (3), (4), (5), or~~  
 65.9 ~~(6),~~ the officer shall certify this determination and notify the commissioner of public safety.

65.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to  
 65.11 determinations by a peace officer that probable cause exists made on or after that date.

65.12 Sec. 68. Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, the effective date, is amended to  
 65.13 read:

65.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
 65.15 final enactment ~~and expires January 1, 2032.~~ This section applies to contracts entered into  
 65.16 on or after the effective date ~~but before January 1, 2032.~~

65.17 Sec. 69. **COORDINATION WITH METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.**

65.18 (a) This section applies to the reconstruction of any segment of Hennepin County Road  
 65.19 22 that coincides with a segment of an arterial bus rapid transit candidate corridor, as adopted  
 65.20 by the Metropolitan Council in its transportation policy plan by July 1, 2026.

65.21 (b) In order to minimize future construction related to enhanced bus stops that are part  
 65.22 of a potential separate future project of the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County must  
 65.23 coordinate with the Metropolitan Council to identify what infrastructure or provisions are  
 65.24 needed to accommodate implementation of enhanced bus stops with a roadway project  
 65.25 identified in paragraph (a).

65.26 (c) Following identification of necessary infrastructure and provisions, Hennepin County  
 65.27 must incorporate into final design and construction of the roadway project elements consistent  
 65.28 with future construction of enhanced bus stops and coordinate with the Metropolitan Council  
 65.29 to install electrical, communications network, and other infrastructure consistent with  
 65.30 enhanced bus stop amenities wherever doing so would minimize future construction related  
 65.31 to enhanced bus stops.

66.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment without  
66.2 local approval pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 645.023, subdivision 1.

66.3 Sec. 70. **DRIVER'S EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.**

66.4 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
66.5 the meanings given.

66.6 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

66.7 (c) "Eligible entities" means a school district; city; county; town; local government unit;  
66.8 federally recognized Tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 5304(e); or  
66.9 nonprofit organization that provides assistance to low-income or disadvantaged youth.

66.10 (d) "Eligible youth" means a person who is at least 15 years of age and not more than  
66.11 24 years of age and meets one of the criteria specified in subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

66.12 (e) "Driver's education" means an online self-paced or in-person driver's education course  
66.13 offered by a public school or a commercial driver training school as defined in Minnesota  
66.14 Statutes, section 171.33, subdivision 1, that is licensed and authorized to offer driver's  
66.15 education courses in Minnesota.

66.16 (f) "Driver's license" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.01,  
66.17 subdivision 37.

66.18 Subd. 2. **Pilot program established.** A driver's education financial assistance program  
66.19 is established as a pilot project under the administration of the Department of Employment  
66.20 and Economic Development to award grants to eligible entities to expand access and  
66.21 availability to driver's education courses and drivers' licenses for eligible youth.

66.22 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner must solicit applications from eligible  
66.23 entities and select not more than four eligible entities to participate in the pilot program.  
66.24 The commissioner must solicit applications from and give special consideration to selecting  
66.25 eligible entities to participate in the program that collectively have experience working with  
66.26 urban, rural, suburban, and Tribal communities.

66.27 (b) An eligible entity that wishes to participate in the program must demonstrate in its  
66.28 application that it has:

66.29 (1) existing capacity and expertise to identify eligible youth;

66.30 (2) strong ties to the community it intends to work with; and

67.1 (3) a plan to work with school districts and other community-based organizations to  
67.2 identify and establish an application procedure to recruit and support up to 50 eligible youth  
67.3 in the pilot program.

67.4 (c) The commissioner must provide a grant to an eligible entity selected to participate  
67.5 under this subdivision to provide financial assistance to eligible youth under this section.

67.6 Subd. 4. Eligibility. (a) A person seeking financial assistance under the pilot program  
67.7 must meet one of the following criteria:

67.8 (1) has experienced homelessness in the last 24 months, as defined under the  
67.9 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, United States Code, title 42, section 1143a;

67.10 (2) is a homeless youth, as defined by the Homeless Youth Act in Minnesota Statutes,  
67.11 section 256K.45;

67.12 (3) receives housing support under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256I;

67.13 (4) is a child placed in foster care who is no more than 18 years old;

67.14 (5) is a foster child who is at least 18 years old and no more than 21 years old and who  
67.15 receives extended foster care benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section 142A.609 or  
67.16 260C.451;

67.17 (6) is a parent or legal custodian of a minor child who receives Minnesota family  
67.18 investment program assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 142G;

67.19 (7) is a participant who is no more than 16 years old in a juvenile diversion or restorative  
67.20 justice program;

67.21 (8) is a child who is no more than 16 years old and who is out of school, out of work,  
67.22 and enrolled in a workforce program; or

67.23 (9) is a youth with a demonstrated and evidenced financial hardship, lack of valid driver's  
67.24 license, and inability to secure driver's education instruction.

67.25 (b) Assistance awarded under this section to an eligible youth must not exceed \$500.  
67.26 An eligible youth receiving an award under this section must use the funds to make use of  
67.27 private or public driver's education pathways. Eligible uses of the funds include:

67.28 (1) the full cost of attending driver's education, including behind-the-wheel instruction;

67.29 (2) instructional permit and driver's license application fees;

67.30 (3) the full cost of a road test, including rental or other fees related to use of a vehicle  
67.31 for the test; or

68.1 (4) other courses or materials designed to assist in securing a valid driver's license.

68.2 Subd. 5. **Records.** (a) Participating eligible entities must keep records of financial  
68.3 assistance awarded to individuals and all expenses associated with appropriated money.

68.4 (b) A participating eligible entity must not use more than ten percent of the total  
68.5 appropriation received for administrative costs.

68.6 Subd. 6. **Data collection and outcomes.** To collect uniform data to measure the nature  
68.7 and extent of the need for support to complete the driver's license process, participating  
68.8 entities must collect and make available to the commissioner the following information:

68.9 (1) the number of persons who applied for financial assistance;

68.10 (2) the number of awards issued to eligible youth and the amount of financial assistance;

68.11 (3) the average amount per award issued to eligible youth; and

68.12 (4) the number of award recipients who were successful in acquiring a driver's license.

68.13 Subd. 7. **Reporting.** (a) By February 1 of each year, participating entities must submit  
68.14 a report to the commissioner itemizing all expenditures and grants made to individuals  
68.15 during the previous calendar year. The report must be in the form and manner prescribed  
68.16 by the commissioner. Participating entities must assist the commissioner in preparing the  
68.17 report required under paragraph (b).

68.18 (b) By January 15, 2028, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
68.19 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation and  
68.20 employment and economic development. The report must describe the activities of the pilot  
68.21 program.

68.22 Subd. 8. **Expiration.** The pilot program established under this section expires June 30,  
68.23 2028.

68.24 Sec. 71. **PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN; ELECTRIC-ASSISTED AND**  
68.25 **MOTORIZED BICYCLE SAFETY.**

68.26 The commissioner of public safety must implement a statewide information campaign  
68.27 to educate the public about the safe and lawful operation of electric-assisted and motorized  
68.28 bicycles.

69.1 **Sec. 72. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DEATH BENEFIT RETROACTIVE CLAIMS.**

69.2 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.47, claims for benefits arising  
69.3 out of deaths occurring before July 1, 2026, that are eligible due to the retroactive changes  
69.4 made in this act are timely if filed before July 1, 2028. Claims for benefits arising out of  
69.5 deaths that occur on or after July 1, 2026, are subject to the limitation period under Minnesota  
69.6 Statutes, section 299A.47.

69.7 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.47, the commissioner of public  
69.8 safety must:

69.9 (1) review previously denied benefit claims for deaths occurring between February 1,  
69.10 2020, and the effective date of this act;

69.11 (2) determine whether the applicant is eligible for benefits based on the retroactive  
69.12 application of the amendments made in this act; and

69.13 (3) award applicable benefits according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 299A.41 to  
69.14 299A.46.

69.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

69.16 **Sec. 73. REPEALER.**

69.17 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 161.14, subdivisions 6, 12, 12a, 15, 17, and 50, are  
69.18 repealed.

69.19 (b) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 141, is repealed.

69.20 (c) Minnesota Rules, part 7400.5200, subpart 4, is repealed.

69.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.

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**161.14 NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS OF CERTAIN HIGHWAYS.**

Subd. 6. **Veterans' Evergreen Memorial Drive.** (a) That portion of Road No. 185, known as Trunk Highway 23 in St. Louis, Pine, and Carlton Counties, is hereby named and designated "Veterans' Evergreen Memorial Drive" in memory of veterans of St. Louis, Pine, and Carlton Counties.

(b) The commissioner shall install a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, "In grateful memory of all men and women from Carlton, Pine, and St. Louis Counties who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all future conflicts."

Subd. 12. **Hiawatha Pioneer Trail.** (a) The following route is named and designated the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail":

Beginning at Trunk Highway No. 61 on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin; thence northwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 61 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 12 in St. Paul; thence westerly and southwesterly on Trunk Highways No. 12 and No. 5 to Fort Snelling; thence southwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 3 to Faribault; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 99 to St. Peter; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 22 to Mankato; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 68 to Sleepy Eye; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 4 to Fairfax; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 19 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 67; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 67 to Granite Falls; thence southwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 23 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 14; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 14 to Lake Benton; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 75 to Pipestone; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 30 to Slayton; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 59 to Worthington; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 16 to Jackson; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 71 to the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

(b) The route of the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail" designated in paragraph (a) of this subdivision is the main route of the trail. The following routes are named and designated as the alternate southern route and the alternate northern route of the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail."

(c) The alternate southern route is described as follows:

Commencing at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 61, on the main route, and Trunk Highway No. 14, north and west of Winona, thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 14 to Owatonna; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 3 to Faribault, and connecting to the main route.

(d) The alternate northern route is described as follows:

Commencing at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 12, on the main route, and Trunk Highway No. 10 in the city of St. Paul; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 10 to Little Falls, to junction with Trunk Highway No. 371; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 371 to Brainerd and junction with Trunk Highway No. 18; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 18 to Garrison and junction with Trunk Highway No. 169; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 169 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 65; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 65 to Jacobsen, and junction with Trunk Highway No. 34; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 34 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 2; thence easterly and southerly on Trunk Highway No. 2 to Duluth and junction with Trunk Highway No. 23; thence southerly and westerly on Trunk Highway No. 23 to Sandstone and junction of Trunk Highway No. 61, thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 61 to North Branch and junction with Trunk Highway No. 95; thence easterly and southerly on Trunk Highway No. 95 to Stillwater and junction with Trunk Highway No. 212; thence southerly and westerly to Trunk Highway No. 12 on the main route in the city of St. Paul.

(e) The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design with which the commissioner shall mark or blaze the highways heretofore described over which the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail" is located.

Subd. 12a. **Hiawatha Pioneer Trail; alternate route.** The following route is designated as an alternate route of the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail":

Commencing at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 61, on the main route, and Trunk Highway No. 58, at Red Wing, thence southwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 58, to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 52, at Zumbrota. The commissioner shall mark the route as provided in subdivision 12.

Subd. 15. **Glacial Ridge Trail.** (a) The following route is named and designated the "Glacial Ridge Trail":

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Beginning at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 71, at its intersection with Trunk Highway No. 12, in Willmar; thence extending north and northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 71 to its intersection with Kandiyohi County Highway 90; thence extending east along said Highway 90 to its junction with Kandiyohi County State-Aid Highway (SAH) 9; thence extending north and northeasterly along said Highway 9 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 26; thence extending east along said Highway 26 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 8; thence extending north along said Highway 8 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 10, south of Green Lake; thence northerly along said Highway 10 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 30 in Spicer; thence extending northerly and easterly along said Highway 30 to its junction with Kandiyohi County SAH 2; thence extending northerly on said Highway 2 to a highway easterly of Long Lake and on the north side of Irving Township; thence westerly and southerly on the township road through Sections 4 and 5 of Irving Township to Kandiyohi County Highway 103 to its junction with a township road running south through Sections 6, 7, and 18 of Irving Township to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 40; thence west on said Highway 40, across Trunk Highway No. 23 to the junction of SAH 40 and SAH 9 in the city of New London; thence via city streets to Trunk Highway No. 9 in New London; thence extending westerly on said Highway No. 9, to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71; thence southerly on said Highway No. 71 to Kandiyohi County SAH 48; thence westerly through Sibley State Park and northerly, across Trunk Highway No. 9, to Colfax Township road running westerly through Sections 27, 22, 21, 20, and 19, of said township, and Section 24 of Norway Lake Township to Kandiyohi County Road 1, thence north to the township road on the south side of Sections 13 and 14 of Norway Lake Township to Kandiyohi County Road 115 to its junction with Kandiyohi County SAH 36 and west on said Highway 36 to a Norway Lake Township Road running northerly through Section No. 5 to the Pope County line and there joining a township road in Section 32 of Lake Johanna Township; thence northerly and westerly through Sections 32 and 31 to Trunk Highway No. 104; thence northerly on said Highway No. 104 to a township road; running westerly through Sections 24 and 23 of Gilchrist Township to Pope County Highway 84; thence westerly on said Highway 84 to the west side of Section No. 15; thence northerly and westerly on a township road through Sections 16 and 17 to Pope County SAH 8; thence north on said Highway 8, in Section No. 8, to a township road; thence in a general northwesterly direction on township roads to Trunk Highway No. 104.

And beginning in the Community of Terrace, in Section No. 33 of Chippewa Falls Township, Pope County, Minnesota; thence northwesterly on Pope County SAH 21 to a township road; thence westerly on said township road to Trunk Highway No. 104; thence along said Highway No. 104 in a westerly and northerly direction to Pope County SAH 18; thence westerly on said Highway 18 to Pope County SAH 17; thence northerly on said Highway 17 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 104; thence northerly to Trunk Highway No. 28 in Glenwood; thence easterly on said Highway No. 28 to its junction with Pope County SAH 25; thence northerly and easterly to the city of Villard; thence to Trunk Highway No. 28 and easterly to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71; thence northerly on said Highway No. 71 to the city of Sauk Centre.

And beginning in the city of Villard on Pope County SAH 28; thence westerly on said SAH 28 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 29.

And beginning at the south limits of the city of Alexandria on Trunk Highway No. 29; thence southerly to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 55; thence southeasterly to 14th Avenue Northeast and the adjacent Mount Lookout Rest Area in the city of Glenwood; thence westerly on said 14th Avenue NE to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 29; thence southerly on said Highway No. 29 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 104 in the city of Glenwood.

And beginning in the city of Glenwood at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 104 and Lakeshore Drive; thence westerly on Lakeshore Drive into the city of Long Beach to Golf Course Road; thence on Golf Course Road to Trunk Highway No. 29; thence on said Highway No. 29 to Pope County SAH 24; thence westerly on said SAH 24 to the Pelican Lake Road; thence southerly on said road to Trunk Highway No. 29; thence southerly and westerly on said Highway No. 29 through the city of Starbuck to Pope County SAH 41; thence southerly on said SAH 41 to Glacial Lakes State Park.

And beginning on Pope County SAH 41 at its junction with Pope County Highway 74; thence easterly on said County Highway 74 to its junction with Pope County SAH 13; thence southerly on said SAH 13 to its junction with a township road on the north side of Section 5 of Rolling Forks Township; thence easterly on said township road through Sections 5, 4, and 3 of Rolling Forks Township; said road continuing as the township road through Sections 34, 35, and 36 of Barsness Township to its junction with Pope County SAH 19.

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And beginning at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 104 and Pope County SAH 19; thence southerly on said SAH 19 to the Swift County line where it becomes Swift County SAH 25; thence on said SAH 25 to the Swift Falls Community Park.

And beginning at the junction of Swift County SAH 25 and Swift County Highway 87; thence southerly and easterly on said Highway 87 to its junction with a township road in Section 12 of Camp Lake Township; thence easterly and northerly on township roads through Sections 12 and 1 of Camp Lake Township to a junction with a township road in Section No. 6 of Kerkhoven Township; thence easterly and southerly on township roads through Sections No. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 11 to its junction with Swift SAH 28; thence easterly on said SAH 28 to its junction with Swift County Highway 95; thence southerly on said Highway 95 through Monson Lake Memorial Park to its junction with Swift County SAH 18; thence easterly on said SAH 18 to the Kandiyohi county line where it becomes Kandiyohi County SAH 40; thence on said SAH 40 to Trunk Highway No. 104.

And beginning at the junction of Kandiyohi County SAH 36 and a township road in Section No. 8 of Norway Lake Township; thence southerly on said SAH 36 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 9; thence on said Highway No. 9 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 104; thence south on said Highway No. 104, through the city of Sunburg to the junction of said Highway No. 104 and Kandiyohi County SAH 40; thence easterly on said SAH 40 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 5.

And beginning at the junction of Kandiyohi County SAH 48 and SAH 38; thence southerly on said SAH 38 to Kandiyohi County SAH 40; thence westerly on said SAH 40 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 5; thence southerly on said SAH 5 to its junction with a township road in Section No. 9 of Dovre Township; thence easterly on said township road through Sections No. 9, 10, and 11 to its intersection with Kandiyohi County SAH 27; thence easterly on said SAH 27 to its junction with a township road in Section No. 13 of Dovre Township; thence on said township road through Sections No. 13, 14, 23, 25, and 36 of Dovre Township to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71.

(b) The respective road authorities of the highways over which the route described in this subdivision is located shall place and maintain the "Glacial Ridge Trail" emblem, an arrowhead design with red, black, and white colors, on the highways under their jurisdiction to adequately mark the highways as "Glacial Ridge Trail."

(c) The state Transportation Department shall make sufficient additional markers to enable the counties to mark those portions of the trail not maintained by the state.

**Subd. 17. Hiawatha-Appleblossom Scenic Drive.** (a) The following described route is named and designated the "Hiawatha-Appleblossom Scenic Drive."

Beginning at a point in LaCrescent on Houston County State-Aid Highway 29; thence extending northerly along Houston County State-Aid Highway 29 to the Winona County line; thence extending northerly and westerly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 1 to its junction with Winona County State-Aid Highway 12; thence easterly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 12 to its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 61 in Dakota and there terminating. Also from the junction of Winona County State-Aid Highway 1 and Winona County State-Aid Highway 12; thence westerly and northerly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 12 to its intersection with Winona County State-Aid Highway 3; thence easterly and northerly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 3 to its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 61 and there terminating.

(b) The respective road authorities having jurisdiction of the highways over which the route described in paragraph (a) is located shall adopt and place suitable marking signs on their respective highways to adequately mark the route as "Hiawatha-Appleblossom Scenic Drive."

**Subd. 50. King of Trails.** (a) The following described route, signed as Trunk Highway 75 on July 1, 2001, is designated the "King of Trails": Constitutional Route No. 6 from its intersection with the Minnesota-Canada border southerly to its intersection with Legislative Route No. 175 at or near the city of Crookston, then Legislative Route No. 175 southwesterly and southerly to its intersection with Constitutional Route No. 6 between the cities of Halstad and Hendrum, then Constitutional Route No. 6 southerly to its intersection with the Minnesota-Iowa border.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark the highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

*Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 141*

Sec. 141. **DRIVER'S LICENSE SAME-DAY ISSUANCE PILOT PROJECT.**

(a) The commissioner of public safety must conduct a same-day driver's license pilot project as described in this section. The pilot project must be in the cities of Lakeville and Moorhead and include any driver's license agent in either city that requests to participate in the pilot project. This section applies to driver's license agents participating in the pilot project.

(b) An applicant who submits a properly completed application for a noncompliant driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card must be provided with the license or card at the time of the application. The license or card must be processed and produced at the site of the application. The applicant must not be required to go to another location to receive the license or card. The applicant must not be provided with a temporary license or card.

(c) The commissioner must provide the participating driver's license agents with any necessary equipment to process and produce the driver's licenses and identification cards on site.

(d) By January 1, 2024, the commissioner must submit a report on the pilot project to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, the report must include the following:

(1) a description of the pilot project and the locations that participated in the pilot project;

(2) how many noncompliant drivers' licenses, instruction permits, or identification cards were processed during the pilot project;

(3) any information or feedback from the driver's license agents about the pilot project;

(4) a recommendation on whether the issuance of same-day noncompliant drivers' licenses, instruction permits, or identification cards should be expanded statewide.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on October 1, 2022, and applies to applications received on or after that date.

**7400.5200 SELLING NEW OR USED MOTOR VEHICLE.**

Subp. 4. **Taxes, fees, and title application.** Except as provided in items A to D, the dealer shall complete a title and registration application and shall submit the application along with the excise and registration taxes and all applicable fees to the registrar within ten days of the sale of the vehicle. The dealer must have on file an itemized receipt showing a breakdown of the taxes and fees paid. The receipt must be stamped as paid by a deputy registrar. The receipt must be maintained and made available for the registrar's inspection for three years after the sale of the vehicle.

A. If the purchaser is not a Minnesota customer, the dealer is not required to complete an application or submit the application, taxes, and fees.

B. If the purchaser is eligible to pay a prorated tax and provides a prorate account number to the dealer, the dealer shall complete and file a title application, but the dealer is not required to collect and submit either the excise or registration tax.

C. If the vehicle is currently registered in Minnesota, the dealer is not required to collect and submit the registration tax.

D. If the vehicle must have an emissions inspection before registration, the dealer is not required to collect and submit the registration tax.