A bill for an act

relating to drivers' licenses; modifying veteran designation to allow identification of disability; amending Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 171.07, subdivision 15.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 171.07, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **Veteran designation.** (a) At the request of ~~the~~ an eligible applicant as provided under paragraph (b), and on payment of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue to the applicant a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing ~~the~~ a designation of (1) "Veteran" ~~to an applicant who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447.~~, or (2) "Veteran 100% T&P."

(b) At the time of the initial application for the designation provided under this subdivision, the applicant must:

(1) be a veteran, as defined in section 197.447;

(2) have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers; and

(3) if the applicant is seeking the disability designation under paragraph (a), clause (2), provide satisfactory evidence of a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected disability as determined by the United State Department of Veterans Affairs.

(c) The commissioner of public safety is required to issue drivers' licenses and Minnesota identification cards with the veteran designation only after entering a new contract or in coordination with producing a new card design with modifications made as required by law.

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