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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; requiring the Department of Public Safety to add deputy
1.3 registrars and driver's license agents to state agencies eligible to provide bilingual
1.4 services and materials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.441, by
1.5 adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.441, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 5. Deputy registrars and driver's license agents eligibility. (a) Notwithstanding
1.10 any statute or rule to the contrary, the commissioner of public safety, in consultation with
1.11 the commissioner of administration, must determine the application of this section to deputy
1.12 registrars appointed under section 168.33 and driver's license agents appointed under section
1.13 171.061. If the commissioner of public safety determines that a deputy registrar's office
1.14 location serves a substantial number of non-English speaking people on a yearly basis, the
1.15 commissioner must produce equivalent materials in any non-English language spoken by
1.16 a substantial number of people served by the deputy registrar location. If the commissioner
1.17 of public safety determines that a driver's license agent serves a substantial number of
1.18 non-English speaking people on a yearly basis, the commissioner must produce equivalent
1.19 materials in any non-English language spoken by a substantial number of people served by
1.20 the driver's license agent.

1.21 (b) Notwithstanding any statute or rule to the contrary, the commissioner of administration
1.22 must determine the application of this section to county deputy registrars appointed under
1.23 section 168.33, subdivision 2, and to driver's license agents appointed under section 171.061,
1.24 subdivision 2, who provide services at county service offices. If the commissioner determines

2.1 that the deputy registrar or driver's license agent at the county service office serves a
2.2 substantial number of non-English speaking people, the commissioner of public safety must
2.3 provide translations of materials explaining agency services to the county service office.

2.4 (c) A private deputy registrar or driver's license agent is encouraged to provide its location
2.5 with written materials in the appropriate non-English language when:

2.6 (1) the location serves a substantial number of non-English speaking people;

2.7 (2) written materials such as applications, forms, letters, notices, or any documents are
2.8 used to ask or order a person to provide information or to give a person information; or

2.9 (3) the information asked for or given could affect the person's rights, duties, or privileges
2.10 under chapters 168, 168A, and 171.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.