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H. F. No. 3839

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03/05/2020 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division
By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing temporary appointment of additional driver's
1.3 license agents to assist with REAL ID implementation; requiring a report;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. REAL ID ACT IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Purpose. This section provides temporary assistance centers to assist
1.8 permanent driver's license agents with the anticipated increase in the number of Minnesota
1.9 residents seeking REAL ID compliant driver's licenses prior to the federal deadline for full
1.10 REAL ID Act implementation.

1.11 Subd. 2. Temporary agreements for REAL ID Act implementation. (a)
1.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, and Minnesota Rules, chapter 7404,
1.13 the commissioner of public safety may enter into agreements with the Board of Trustees of
1.14 the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Board of Regents of the University
1.15 of Minnesota to provide temporary appointments to perform driver's license agent functions
1.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061.

1.17 (b) An agreement under paragraph (a) must be structured to facilitate effective
1.18 implementation of REAL ID Act of 2005 compliance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.19 171, including application and documentation assistance for driver's license and Minnesota
1.20 identification card applicants. At a minimum, an agreement must provide for background
1.21 checks as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.017, hiring and training of
1.22 temporary employees, use of facilities, lease or purchase of equipment, and collection of

2.1 fees. An agreement must include an arrangement that establishes one or more temporary
2.2 offices located throughout the state.

2.3 (c) An agreement under paragraph (a) may authorize any of the entities entering into
2.4 the agreement to retain the filing fee revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061,
2.5 subdivision 4, provided the revenue is expended only for direct administrative costs to
2.6 implement driver's license agent functions.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Implementation date.** The commissioner must make reasonable efforts to
2.8 ensure that temporary driver's license agents under this section are able to begin processing
2.9 applications by the date that the Department of Public Safety begins issuing driver's licenses
2.10 and Minnesota identification cards that fully comply with the REAL ID Act of 2005.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The authority to operate a temporary driver's license agent under
2.12 this section expires June 30, 2021.

2.13 Subd. 5. **Legislative report.** By August 1, 2020, the commissioner of public safety must
2.14 submit a report detailing the agreements and REAL ID Act conformity implementation
2.15 under this section to the members and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
2.16 over transportation policy and finance.

2.17 Subd. 6. **Appropriation.** \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund
2.18 to the commissioner of public safety to implement temporary driver's license agent
2.19 agreements under this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, this
2.20 appropriation is available for three years after the year of appropriation. This is a onetime
2.21 appropriation.

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