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H. F. No. **4199**

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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; governing deputy registrars and driver's license agents;
1.3 requiring appeals processes; distributing certain grants; appropriating money;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 168.33, by adding subdivisions;
1.5 171.061, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 168.33, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 2c. **Deputy registrars; appeals.** The commissioner must establish an appeals
1.10 process for an employee of a deputy registrar whose access to the driver and vehicle services
1.11 information system is permanently terminated. At a minimum, the appeals process must
1.12 include a review of circumstances that led to termination of access and criteria for
1.13 consideration of reinstatement of access.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 168.33, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.15 read:

1.16 Subd. 7a. **Remote transactions; appropriation.** (a) The commissioner must determine
1.17 the total revenue collected in each fiscal quarter from filing fees imposed under subdivision
1.18 7 for the department's Internet-based and mailed transaction services.

1.19 (b) Within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the commissioner must distribute
1.20 60 percent of the revenue determined under paragraph (a) to deputy registrars. The funds
1.21 must be provided as unrestricted grants in a form and manner that minimizes administrative
1.22 burdens. The commissioner must allocate funds to each deputy registrar proportionally
1.23 based on:

2.1 (1) the number of motor vehicle transactions in the most recent fiscal quarter processed
2.2 by the deputy registrar; compared to

2.3 (2) the total number of motor vehicle transactions in the most recent fiscal quarter
2.4 processed by all deputy registrars.

2.5 (c) In the calculations under paragraph (b), the commissioner must exclude transactions
2.6 for a deputy registrar office operated by the state.

2.7 (d) The amount determined under paragraph (a) is annually appropriated from the vehicle
2.8 services operating account to the commissioner for distribution as specified in paragraph
2.9 (b).

2.10 (e) The commissioner must maintain information on a website that identifies, for each
2.11 deputy registrar, the quarterly and annual total distributions under this subdivision.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, and applies for transactions
2.13 occurring on or after that date.

2.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 171.061, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.15 read:

2.16 Subd. 3a. **Appeals.** The commissioner must establish an appeals process for an employee
2.17 of a driver's license agent whose access to the driver and vehicle services information system
2.18 is permanently terminated. At a minimum, the appeals process must include a review of
2.19 circumstances that led to termination of access and criteria for consideration of reinstatement
2.20 of access.