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- 05/04/2020 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
- 05/04/2020 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 05/07/2020 Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
- 05/07/2020 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 05/07/2020 Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; making various policy changes, including establishing

1.3 escort vehicle requirements for overdimensional loads, modifying display

1.4 requirements for temporary permits, creating interim safety inspection certificates

1.5 for school buses, authorizing legislative route turnbacks, and adding mental health

1.6 identifiers to drivers' licenses; requiring use of school bus warning lights and stop

1.7 arms when delivering food and supplies to students during peacetime public health

1.8 emergency; requiring reports regarding use of federal funding received by state

1.9 to respond to COVID-19; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 160.05,

1.10 subdivision 1; 161.115, subdivision 43; 168.09, subdivision 7; 168.091; 168.092;

1.11 169.09, subdivision 3; 169.451, subdivisions 2, 4, by adding a subdivision; 171.07,

1.12 by adding a subdivision; 174.30, subdivisions 2a, 4a, 8; Minnesota Statutes 2019

1.13 Supplement, sections 161.14, subdivision 94; 171.07, subdivision 6a; Laws 2019,

1.14 First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 34, subdivision 2; article 3, section

1.15 120; Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, subdivision 2; proposing coding

1.16 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169; repealing Minnesota Statutes

1.17 2018, sections 169.86, subdivision 3b; 174.30, subdivision 4b.

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

1.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 160.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.20 Subdivision 1. **Six years.** (a) When any road or portion of a road has been used and kept

1.21 in repair and worked for at least six years continuously as a public highway by a road

1.22 authority, it shall be deemed dedicated to the public to the width of the actual use and be

1.23 and remain, until lawfully vacated, a public highway whether it has ever been established

1.24 as a public highway or not. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall impair the right,

1.25 title, or interest of the water department of any city of the first class secured under Special

1.26 Laws 1885, chapter 110. This subdivision shall apply to roads and streets except platted

1.27 streets within cities. If a road authority fails to give the notice required by paragraph (b),

1.28 this subdivision does not apply.

2.1 (b) Before a road authority may make any repairs or conduct any work on a private road
2.2 as defined by section 169.011, subdivision 57, the road authority must notify the owner of
2.3 the road of the intent to make repairs or conduct work on the private road. The notice must
2.4 be sent to the owner by certified mail. The notice must specify the segment of road that is
2.5 the subject of the notice and state the duration of the repairs or work. The notice must include
2.6 the following: "Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 160.05, your private road may be
2.7 deemed to be dedicated to the public if the following conditions are met for six continuous
2.8 years: (1) the road is used by the public; and (2) the road is repaired or worked on by a road
2.9 authority. This means that the road will no longer be a private road but will be a public road.
2.10 You will not receive compensation from the road authority when the road is dedicated to
2.11 the public."

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and
2.13 applies to any repairs, maintenance, or work newly started on a private road on or after that
2.14 date. This section does not apply to a road segment for which: (1) repair or work started
2.15 before August 1, 2020; or (2) a road authority has continuously maintained since before
2.16 August 1, 2020.

2.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 161.115, subdivision 43, is amended to read:

2.18 Subd. 43. **Route No. 112.** Beginning at ~~the terminus of Route No. 53 on the southerly~~
2.19 ~~limits of the city of South St. Paul~~ a point on the southerly limits of the city of St. Paul,
2.20 thence extending through South St. Paul into the city of St. Paul northerly to connect with
2.21 Route No. 102 as herein established.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective after the conditions in Laws 2019, First
2.23 Special Session chapter 3, article 3, section 120, as amended by this act, are met.

2.24 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 161.14, subdivision 94, is amended
2.25 to read:

2.26 Subd. 94. **Specialist Noah Pierce Bridge.** The bridge on marked ~~Trunk Highway 37~~
2.27 ~~over marked U.S. Highway 53~~ U.S. Highway 53 over marked Trunk Highway 37 in the
2.28 city of Eveleth is designated as "Specialist Noah Pierce Bridge." Subject to section 161.139,
2.29 the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate
2.30 signs.

3.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 168.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 7. **Display of temporary permit.** (a) A vehicle that displays a Minnesota plate
3.3 issued under this chapter may display a temporary permit in conjunction with expired
3.4 registration if:

3.5 (1) the current registration tax and all other fees and taxes have been paid in full; and

3.6 (2) the plate has been applied for.

3.7 (b) A vehicle may display a temporary permit in conjunction with expired registration,
3.8 with or without a registration plate, if:

3.9 (1) the plates have been applied for;

3.10 (2) the registration tax and other fees and taxes have been paid in full; and

3.11 (3) either the vehicle is used solely as a collector vehicle while displaying the temporary
3.12 permit and not used for general transportation purposes or the vehicle was issued a 21-day
3.13 permit under section 168.092, subdivision 1.

3.14 (c) The permit is valid for a period of 60 days. The permit must be in a format prescribed
3.15 by the commissioner ~~and whenever practicable must be posted upon the driver's side of the~~
3.16 ~~rear window on the inside of the vehicle,~~ affixed to the rear of the vehicle where a license
3.17 plate would normally be affixed, and plainly visible. The permit is valid only for the vehicle
3.18 for which it was issued to allow a reasonable time for the new plates to be manufactured
3.19 and delivered to the applicant. The permit may be issued only by the commissioner or by
3.20 a deputy registrar under section 168.33.

3.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, or upon initial
3.22 deployment of the replacement motor vehicle title and registration information system,
3.23 whichever is earlier. The commissioner of public safety must notify the revisor of statutes
3.24 of the effective date.

3.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 168.091, is amended to read:

3.26 **168.091 31-DAY TEMPORARY VEHICLE PERMIT.**

3.27 Subdivision 1. **Nonresident buyer.** (a) Upon payment of a fee of \$1, the commissioner
3.28 may issue a permit to a nonresident purchasing a vehicle in this state for the sole purpose
3.29 of allowing the vehicle to be removed from this state.

3.30 (b) The permit is in lieu of any other registration or taxation for use of the highways and
3.31 is valid for a period of 31 days from the date of sale, trade, or gift.

4.1 (c) The permit must be available in an electronic format as determined by the
4.2 commissioner.

4.3 (d) If the sale, gift, or trade information is electronically transmitted to the commissioner
4.4 by a dealer or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, the \$1 fee is waived.

4.5 (e) The permit must be ~~posted upon the left side of the inside rear window of the vehicle~~
4.6 ~~or, if not practicable,~~ affixed to the rear of the vehicle where it is plainly visible to law
4.7 enforcement. Each permit is valid only for the vehicle for which the permit was issued.

4.8 Subd. 2. **Dealer.** The registrar may issue ~~a quantity of permits in booklet form~~ to licensed
4.9 dealers upon payment of the proper fee for each permit ~~contained in said booklet.~~ When
4.10 issuing a permit, the dealer shall immediately forward to the registrar information on forms
4.11 supplied by the registrar showing to whom the permit was issued, the vehicle description,
4.12 date of issue and expiration, and such other information as the registrar may require.

4.13 Subd. 3. **Proceeds to highway user fund.** All payments received for such permits shall
4.14 be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

4.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, or upon initial
4.16 deployment of the replacement motor vehicle title and registration information system,
4.17 whichever is earlier. The commissioner of public safety must notify the revisor of statutes
4.18 of the effective date.

4.19 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 168.092, is amended to read:

4.20 **168.092 21-DAY TEMPORARY VEHICLE PERMIT.**

4.21 Subdivision 1. **Resident buyer.** The motor vehicle registrar may issue a permit to a
4.22 person purchasing a new or used motor vehicle in this state for the purpose of allowing the
4.23 purchaser a reasonable time to register the vehicle and pay fees and taxes due on the transfer.
4.24 The permit is valid for a period of 21 days. The permit must be in a form as the registrar
4.25 may determine ~~and, whenever practicable must be posted upon the left side of the inside~~
4.26 ~~rear window of the vehicle,~~ affixed to the rear of the vehicle where a license plate would
4.27 normally be affixed, and plainly visible. Each permit is valid only for the vehicle for which
4.28 issued.

4.29 Subd. 2. **Dealer.** The registrar may issue ~~a quantity of permits~~ to licensed dealers. When
4.30 issuing a permit, the dealer shall complete the permit in the manner prescribed by the
4.31 department. ~~One copy of the permit shall be retained in sequential order in the dealer's files.~~

5.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, or upon initial
5.2 deployment of the replacement motor vehicle title and registration information system,
5.3 whichever is earlier. The commissioner of public safety must notify the revisor of statutes
5.4 of the effective date.

5.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.6 Subd. 3. **Driver to give information.** (a) The driver of any motor vehicle involved in
5.7 a collision the driver knows or has reason to know results in bodily injury to or death of
5.8 another, or damage to any vehicle driven or attended by another, shall give the driver's
5.9 name, ~~address, and date of birth,~~ mailing address or e-mail address, and the registration
5.10 plate number of the vehicle being driven. The driver shall, upon request and if available,
5.11 exhibit the driver's license or permit to drive ~~to the individual struck or the driver or occupant~~
5.12 ~~of or individual attending any vehicle collided with. The driver also shall give the information~~
5.13 ~~and upon request exhibit the license or permit to any peace officer at the scene of the collision~~
5.14 or who is investigating the collision. The driver shall render reasonable assistance to any
5.15 individual injured in the collision.

5.16 (b) If not given at the scene of the collision, the driver, within 72 hours after the accident,
5.17 shall give, on request to any individual involved in the collision or to a peace officer
5.18 investigating the collision, the name and address of the insurer providing vehicle liability
5.19 insurance coverage, and the local insurance agent for the insurer.

5.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.451, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.21 Subd. 2. **Inspection certificate.** Except as provided in subdivision 2a, no person shall
5.22 drive, or no owner shall knowingly permit or cause to be driven, any school bus or Head
5.23 Start bus unless there is displayed thereon a certificate issued by the commissioner of public
5.24 safety stating that on a certain date, which shall be within 13 months of the date of operation,
5.25 a member of the Minnesota State Patrol inspected the bus and found that on the date of
5.26 inspection the bus complied with the applicable provisions of state law relating to
5.27 construction, design, equipment, and color.

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

5.29 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to
5.30 read:

5.31 Subd. 2a. **Interim inspection; certificate.** In lieu of the certificate required in subdivision
5.32 2, a new or used school bus being sold by a dealer in this state may display an interim

6.1 inspection certificate. The school bus dealer completing the preregistration certificate
6.2 required in section 168.102 may inspect the bus to determine if the bus complies with the
6.3 applicable provisions of state law relating to construction, design, equipment, and color. If
6.4 the bus complies with the applicable provisions of state law, the dealer may affix the interim
6.5 inspection certificate to the school bus, indicating that on the date of the inspection, the bus
6.6 complied with the applicable provisions of state law relating to construction, design,
6.7 equipment, and color. The interim certificate must include the date of the inspection and
6.8 must be valid until the owner's next scheduled annual inspection, but must not be valid for
6.9 more than 12 months following the month of the initial inspection. The commissioner must
6.10 provide the prescribed interim inspection certificates at no cost to the dealer.

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

6.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.451, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.13 Subd. 4. **Violation; penalty.** The State Patrol shall enforce ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2
6.14 and 2a. A violation of subdivision 2 is person who operates a school bus without a valid
6.15 inspection certificate issued pursuant to subdivision 2 or an interim inspection certificate
6.16 issued pursuant to subdivision 2a is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

6.18 Sec. 11. **[169.812] ESCORT VEHICLES FOR OVERDIMENSIONAL LOADS;**
6.19 **DEFINITIONS; REQUIREMENTS.**

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

6.22 (b) "Licensed peace officer" means a law enforcement officer licensed under sections
6.23 626.84 to 626.863, who holds a certificate under section 299D.085, and who may operate
6.24 an authorized emergency vehicle and direct and control traffic and require traffic to yield
6.25 to an overdimensional load.

6.26 (c) "Escort driver" means an individual who holds a certificate under section 299D.085
6.27 and is authorized to control and direct traffic as a flagger during the movement of an
6.28 overdimensional load following the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices standards
6.29 as defined by the Federal Highway Administration and section 169.06, subdivision 4.

6.30 (d) "Flagger" means a person who actively controls the flow of vehicular traffic into,
6.31 through, or into and through a temporary traffic control zone using hand-signaling devices
6.32 or an automated flagger assistance device.

7.1 (e) "Overdimensional load" is a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight
7.2 of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this chapter, or otherwise not in
7.3 conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

7.4 Subd. 2. Escort vehicles required; width. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and
7.5 (e), no escort vehicle is required if the width of an overdimensional load is 15 feet or less
7.6 as measured at the bottom of the load or is 16 feet or less as measured at the top of the load.

7.7 (b) Only one rear escort vehicle is required on a multilane divided roadway if the width
7.8 of an overdimensional load is more than 15 feet as measured at the bottom of the load or is
7.9 more than 16 feet as measured at the top of the load.

7.10 (c) Only one lead escort vehicle and one rear escort vehicle is required on any undivided
7.11 roadway if the width of an overdimensional load is more than 15 feet as measured at the
7.12 bottom of the load or is more than 16 feet as measured at the top of the load.

7.13 (d) Only one lead licensed peace officer is required when any part of an overdimensional
7.14 load or a vehicle transporting an overdimensional load extends beyond the left of the
7.15 centerline on an undivided roadway.

7.16 (e) The commissioner may require additional escorts when deemed necessary to protect
7.17 public safety or to ensure against undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces, or
7.18 structures. The commissioner must specify in the permit (1) the number of additional escorts
7.19 required; and (2) whether the operators of the escort vehicles must be licensed peace officers
7.20 or may be escort drivers, as defined in subdivision 1.

7.21 Subd. 3. Escort vehicles required; length. (a) When a vehicle transporting an
7.22 overdimensional load is operated on a multilane divided roadway:

7.23 (1) only one rear escort vehicle is required if the overdimensional load has an overall
7.24 length exceeding 110 feet; or

7.25 (2) only one lead escort vehicle and one rear escort vehicle is required if the
7.26 overdimensional load has an overall length exceeding 150 feet.

7.27 (b) One lead escort vehicle and one rear escort vehicle is required on any undivided
7.28 roadway if the overall length of the overdimensional load exceeds 110 feet.

7.29 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), the commissioner may require additional
7.30 escorts when deemed necessary to protect public safety or to ensure against undue damage
7.31 to the road foundations, surfaces, or structures. The commissioner must specify in the permit
7.32 (1) the number of additional escorts required; and (2) whether the operators of the escort

8.1 vehicles must be licensed peace officers or may be escort drivers, as defined in subdivision
8.2 1.

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

8.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 171.07, subdivision 6a, is amended
8.5 to read:

8.6 Subd. 6a. **Autism spectrum ~~or mental health~~ identifier.** Upon the written request of
8.7 the applicant, the ~~department~~ commissioner must issue a driver's license or Minnesota
8.8 identification card bearing a graphic or written identifier for an autism spectrum disorder,
8.9 as defined in section 62A.3094, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), ~~or a mental health condition.~~
8.10 The applicant must submit the written request for the identifier at the time the photograph
8.11 or electronically produced image is taken. The commissioner must not include any specific
8.12 medical information on the driver's license or Minnesota identification card.

8.13 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
8.14 read:

8.15 Subd. 6b. **Mental health identifier.** Upon the written request of the applicant, the
8.16 commissioner must issue a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing a graphic
8.17 or written identifier for a mental health condition. The applicant must submit the written
8.18 request for the identifier at the time the photograph or electronically produced image is
8.19 taken. The commissioner must not include any specific medical information on the driver's
8.20 license or Minnesota identification card.

8.21 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 174.30, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

8.22 Subd. 2a. **Vehicle and equipment safety; provider responsibilities.** (a) Every special
8.23 transportation service provider shall systematically inspect, repair, and maintain, or cause
8.24 to be inspected, repaired, and maintained, the vehicles and equipment subject to the control
8.25 of the provider. Each vehicle and its equipment must be inspected daily. A vehicle may not
8.26 be operated in a condition that is likely to cause an accident or breakdown of the vehicle.
8.27 Equipment, including specialized equipment necessary to ensure vehicle usability and safety
8.28 for disabled persons, must be in proper and safe operating condition at all times.

8.29 (b) Each special transportation provider shall maintain the following records for each
8.30 vehicle:

9.1 (1) an identification of the vehicle, including make, serial number, and year, and, if the
9.2 vehicle is not owned by the provider, the name and address of the person furnishing the
9.3 vehicle;

9.4 (2) a schedule of inspection and maintenance operations to be performed;

9.5 (3) a record of inspections, repairs, and maintenance showing the date and nature;

9.6 (4) a lubrication record; ~~and~~

9.7 (5) a record of tests conducted to ensure that emergency doors or windows and wheelchair
9.8 lifts function properly; and

9.9 (6) a record of trips, limited to date, time, and driver's name.

9.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 174.30, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

9.11 Subd. 4a. **Certification of special transportation provider.** (a) The commissioner may
9.12 refuse to issue a certificate of compliance if an individual specified in subdivision 10,
9.13 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), is disqualified or is not on the provider's active roster, as
9.14 defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 17a, paragraph (b).

9.15 (b) The commissioner shall annually evaluate or provide for the evaluation of each
9.16 provider of special transportation service regulated under this section and certify that the
9.17 provider is in compliance with the standards under this section.

9.18 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 174.30, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

9.19 Subd. 8. **Administrative penalties; loss of certificate of compliance.** (a) The
9.20 commissioner may issue an order requiring violations of this section and the operating
9.21 standards adopted under this section to be corrected and assessing monetary penalties of up
9.22 to \$1,000 for all violations identified during a single inspection, investigation, or audit.
9.23 Section 221.036 applies to administrative penalty orders issued under this section or section
9.24 174.315. The commissioner shall suspend, without a hearing, a special transportation service
9.25 provider's certificate of compliance for failure to pay, or make satisfactory arrangements to
9.26 pay, an administrative penalty when due.

9.27 (b) If the commissioner determines that an individual subject to background studies
9.28 under subdivision 10, paragraph (a), is disqualified or is not on the provider's active roster,
9.29 as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 17a, paragraph (b), the commissioner must issue
9.30 a written notice ordering the special transportation service provider to immediately cease
9.31 permitting the individual to perform services or functions listed in subdivision 10, paragraph

10.1 (a). The written notice must include a warning that failure to comply with the order may
10.2 result in the suspension or revocation of the provider's certificate of compliance under this
10.3 section.

10.4 (c) The commissioner may suspend or revoke a provider's certificate of compliance upon
10.5 determining that, following receipt by a provider of written notice under paragraph (b), the
10.6 individual has continued to perform services or functions listed in subdivision 10, paragraph
10.7 (a), for the provider. A provider whose certificate is suspended or revoked may appeal the
10.8 commissioner's action in a contested case proceeding under chapter 14.

10.9 (d) If the commissioner determines that a provider has failed to pay the decal fees as
10.10 required by subdivision 4, the commissioner must send written notice by certified mail
10.11 ordering the provider to pay the applicable fees within 60 days after the notice was mailed.

10.12 (e) The commissioner may suspend a provider's certificate of compliance if the provider
10.13 fails to submit the required payment after receiving written notice under paragraph (d). A
10.14 provider whose certificate is suspended may appeal the commissioner's action in a contested
10.15 case proceeding under chapter 14.

10.16 ~~(d)~~ (f) Penalties collected under this section must be deposited in the state treasury and
10.17 credited to the trunk highway fund.

10.18 Sec. 17. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 34, subdivision 2,
10.19 is amended to read:

10.20 Subd. 2. **Driver and Vehicle Systems Oversight Committee established.** (a) The
10.21 Driver and Vehicle Systems Oversight Committee is established and consists of the following
10.22 members:

10.23 (1) the chair of the senate Finance Committee, or a senator appointed by the chair of the
10.24 senate Finance Committee;

10.25 (2) the chair and ranking minority member of the senate committee with jurisdiction
10.26 over transportation finance;

10.27 (3) the chair of the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee, or a member
10.28 of the house of representatives appointed by the chair of the house of representatives Ways
10.29 and Means Committee; and

10.30 (4) the chair and ranking minority member of the house of representatives committee
10.31 with jurisdiction over transportation finance.

11.1 (b) The chair of the Blue Ribbon Council on Information Technology, or the chair's
 11.2 designee, must serve on the committee as a nonvoting member. If the council expires or is
 11.3 dissolved, ~~this position on the committee is discontinued.~~ the chair of the council at the time
 11.4 of expiration or dissolution, or the chair's designee, must continue to serve on the committee
 11.5 as a nonvoting member until the committee expires as provided by subdivision 8.

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

11.7 Sec. 18. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, article 3, section 120, is amended to
 11.8 read:

11.9 Sec. 120. **LEGISLATIVE ROUTE NO. 112 REMOVED; PARTIAL REMOVAL.**

11.10 ~~(a)~~ Minnesota Statutes, section 161.115, subdivision 43, is ~~repealed~~ modified effective
 11.11 the day after the commissioner of transportation receives copies of the agreements between
 11.12 the commissioner and the governing bodies of Dakota County; and the city of South St.
 11.13 Paul, and the city of St. Paul to transfer jurisdiction of portions of Legislative Route No.
 11.14 112 and after the commissioner ~~notifies the revisor of statutes under paragraph (b).~~

11.15 ~~(b) The revisor of statutes shall delete the route identified in paragraph (a) from Minnesota~~
 11.16 ~~Statutes when the commissioner of transportation sends notice to the revisor electronically~~
 11.17 ~~or in writing that the conditions required to transfer the route have been satisfied.~~

11.18 Sec. 19. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

11.19 Subd. 2. **Licenses and identification cards.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 11.20 sections 171.07, subdivision 4; 171.186, subdivision 4; and 171.27, the expiration date is
 11.21 extended for any valid driver's license, including but not limited to an instruction permit,
 11.22 provisional license, operator's permit, limited license, and farm work license, and any
 11.23 Minnesota identification card, issued under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171, that absent
 11.24 this subdivision would otherwise expire (1) during the peacetime public health emergency
 11.25 period, ~~or~~ (2) on any day of the month in which the peacetime public health emergency
 11.26 period terminates, or (3) on any day of the month following the month in which the peacetime
 11.27 public health emergency period terminates.

11.28 (b) An extension in this subdivision is provided to the last day of the second consecutive
 11.29 month following the month in which the peacetime public health emergency period
 11.30 terminates.

11.31 (c) No fee or surcharge under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171, is imposed for an
 11.32 extension under this subdivision.

12.1 (d) An extension under this subdivision does not alter the expiration date for subsequent
12.2 license or Minnesota identification card renewals. Nothing in this subdivision prevents
12.3 suspension, cancellation, revocation, or disqualification as provided in Minnesota Statutes,
12.4 chapter 168, 169, 169A, 171, 260B, 260C, or any other chapter.

12.5 (e) The authority in this subdivision does not apply:

12.6 (1) to issuance of a new driver's license or Minnesota identification card, except as
12.7 provided in subdivision 3;

12.8 (2) to reinstatement of a canceled, suspended, or revoked license; and

12.9 (3) to a person who is no longer eligible for the license or Minnesota identification card.

12.10 (f) The commissioner of public safety must ensure that the driving record of a person
12.11 whose driver's license expiration date is extended pursuant to this subdivision indicates that
12.12 the person's driver's license is valid until the extension expires as provided in this subdivision.
12.13 The commissioner must ensure, as far as practicable, that this information is available to
12.14 law enforcement and other entities outside the state of Minnesota.

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

12.16 Sec. 20. **FEDERAL FUNDS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

12.17 (a) For purposes of this section, "federal funds" means any funding received by the state
12.18 from the federal government pursuant to any federal law, rule, grant, or loan relating to the
12.19 infectious disease known as COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to the Coronavirus
12.20 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

12.21 (b) The commissioner of transportation must report all expenditures of federal funds to
12.22 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
12.23 over transportation finance and policy by February 15, 2021, and annually thereafter until
12.24 all federal funds are expended. The report must include the total amount of each expenditure,
12.25 the purpose of each expenditure, and any additional information the commissioner determines
12.26 is necessary to properly document each expenditure.

12.27 (c) The commissioner of public safety must report all expenditures of federal funds
12.28 relating to driver and vehicle services and the State Patrol to the chairs and ranking minority
12.29 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and
12.30 policy by February 15, 2021, and annually thereafter until all federal funds are expended.
12.31 The report must include the total amount of each expenditure, the purpose of each

13.1 expenditure, and any additional information the commissioner determines is necessary to
13.2 properly document each expenditure.

13.3 (d) The chair of the Metropolitan Council must report all expenditures of federal funds
13.4 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
13.5 over transportation finance and policy or the Metropolitan Council by February 15, 2021,
13.6 and annually thereafter until all federal funds are expended. The report must include the
13.7 total amount of each expenditure, the purpose of each expenditure, and any additional
13.8 information the chair determines is necessary to properly document each expenditure.

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

13.10 **Sec. 21. LEGISLATIVE ROUTE NO. 237 REMOVED.**

13.11 (a) Minnesota Statutes, section 161.115, subdivision 168, is repealed effective the day
13.12 after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the
13.13 commissioner and the governing body of Stearns County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative
13.14 Route No. 237 and after the commissioner notifies the revisor of statutes under paragraph
13.15 (b).

13.16 (b) The revisor of statutes shall delete the route identified in paragraph (a) from Minnesota
13.17 Statutes when the commissioner of transportation sends notice to the revisor electronically
13.18 or in writing that the conditions required to transfer the route have been satisfied.

13.19 **Sec. 22. REQUIRING USE OF WARNING LIGHTS AND STOP ARMS ON**
13.20 **SCHOOL BUSES WHEN MAKING DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS.**

13.21 (a) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency period" means the
13.22 duration of any peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that
13.23 relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19, but ending no later than January 31,
13.24 2021.

13.25 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 169.443, subdivision 3, during a
13.26 peacetime emergency, a school bus driver must activate the prewarning flashing amber
13.27 signals or flashing red signals and the stop arm signal when the school bus is stopped on a
13.28 street or highway to deliver or drop off food, schoolwork, supplies, or other items for
13.29 students.

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

14.1 Sec. 23. **ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND MONEY FROM UNORGANIZED**
14.2 **TOWNSHIPS; AITKIN COUNTY.**

14.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 163.06, subdivision 4, the road and bridge
14.4 fund tax money collected from unorganized townships in Aitkin County need not be set
14.5 apart in separate funds for each township. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
14.6 163.06, subdivision 5, road and bridge fund tax money that is collected from the various
14.7 unorganized townships may be expended by the Aitkin County Board in any of the
14.8 unorganized townships in the county.

14.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the Aitkin County Board
14.10 of Commissioners and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with
14.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

14.12 Sec. 24. **REPEALER.**

14.13 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.86, subdivision 3b, is repealed.

14.14 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 174.30, subdivision 4b, is repealed.

14.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.
14.16 Paragraph (b) is effective August 1, 2020.

169.86 SPECIAL PERMIT TO EXCEED HEIGHT, WIDTH, OR LOAD; FEES.

Subd. 3b. **Escort vehicles.** The commissioner or local authority shall specify in the permit:

- (1) the minimum number of escort vehicles required to escort the overdimensional load; and
- (2) whether the operators of the escort vehicles must be certified licensed peace officers or may be overdimensional load escort drivers who hold a current certificate under section 299D.085.

174.30 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

Subd. 4b. **Variance from the standards.** A nonemergency medical transportation provider who was not subject to the standards in this section prior to July 1, 2014, must apply for a variance from the commissioner if the provider cannot meet the standards by January 1, 2017. The commissioner may grant or deny the variance application. Variances, if granted, shall not exceed 60 days unless extended by the commissioner.