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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; exempting location requirements for deputy registrars  
1.3 and driver's license agents who offer bilingual services; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2022, section 168.33, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new  
1.5 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.33, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 8b. Deputy registrar; bilingual services. (a) Notwithstanding rules adopted by  
1.10 the commissioner of public safety limiting sites for the office of a deputy registrar based  
1.11 on either the distance to an existing deputy registrar office or the annual volume of  
1.12 transactions processed by any deputy registrar, the commissioner of public safety shall  
1.13 permit the appointment and operation of a deputy registrar who:

- 1.14 (1) offers services in languages other than English at its proposed location;
- 1.15 (2) processes 30 percent of the location's estimated transactions in a language other than  
1.16 English; and
- 1.17 (3) conducts 20 percent of the location's estimated transactions with persons with  
1.18 disabilities, as defined in section 363A.03.

1.19 (b) All other provisions regarding the appointment and operation of a deputy registrar  
1.20 of motor vehicles under Minnesota Rules, chapter 7406, not inconsistent with this section,  
1.21 apply to the office.

2.1       Sec. 2. [171.062] DRIVER'S LICENSE AGENT OFFERING BILINGUAL  
2.2       SERVICES.

2.3       (a) Notwithstanding section 171.061 and rules adopted by the commissioner limiting  
2.4       sites of the office of a driver's license agent based on either the distance to an existing driver's  
2.5       license agent's office or the annual volume of transactions processed by any driver's license  
2.6       agent, the commissioner of public safety shall permit the appointment and operation of a  
2.7       driver's license agent who:

2.8       (1) offers services in languages other than English at its proposed location;

2.9       (2) processes 30 percent of the location's estimated transactions in a language other than  
2.10      English; and

2.11      (3) conducts 20 percent of the location's estimated transactions with persons with  
2.12      disabilities, as defined in section 363A.03.

2.13      (b) All other provisions regarding the appointment and operation of a driver's license  
2.14      agent under Minnesota Rules, chapter 7404, not inconsistent with this section, apply to this  
2.15      office.