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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4134

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to drivers' licenses; amending eligibility for a veteran designation on
1.3 drivers' licenses or Minnesota identification cards and burial in state veterans
1.4 cemeteries; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.5 197.236, subdivision 8; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 171.07,
1.6 subdivision 15.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 171.07, subdivision 15, is amended
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 15. Veteran designation. (a) At the request of an eligible applicant and on payment
1.11 of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue to the applicant a driver's
1.12 license or Minnesota identification card bearing a graphic or written designation of:

1.13 (1) Veteran; or

1.14 (2) Veteran 100% T&P.

1.15 (b) At the time of the initial application for the designation provided under this
1.16 subdivision, the applicant must:

1.17 (1) be one of the following:

1.18 (i) a veteran, as defined in section 197.447; or

1.19 (ii) a retired or honorably discharged member of the National Guard or a reserve
1.20 component of the United States armed forces;

2.1 (2) provide a certified copy of the applicant's discharge papers that confirms an honorable
2.2 or general discharge under honorable conditions status, or a military retiree identification
2.3 card, veteran identification card, or veteran health identification card; and

2.4 (3) if the applicant is seeking the disability designation under paragraph (a), clause (2),
2.5 provide satisfactory evidence of a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected
2.6 disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and
2.8 applies to applications submitted on or after that date.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.236, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** Cemeteries must be operated solely for the burial of service members
2.11 who die on active duty, eligible veterans, ~~and~~ their spouses and dependent children, as
2.12 defined in United States Code, title 38, section 101, paragraph (2), and honorably discharged
2.13 members of the National Guard.

2.14 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.15 \$..... in the fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.16 of veterans affairs for purposes of Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.236, subdivision
2.17 8.