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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing an optional mental health designation for
1.3 driver's licenses and identification cards and for vehicle registration; providing for
1.4 data practices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 168.0185; 168.346,
1.5 by adding a subdivision; 171.07, by adding a subdivision; 171.12, by adding a
1.6 subdivision.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 168.0185, is amended to read:

1.9 **168.0185 RECORD OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION; DISCLOSURE.**

1.10 (a) The commissioner shall keep a record of all registered vehicles according to (1)
1.11 registration plate number, (2) name of the registered owner, (3) make of vehicle and the
1.12 vehicle's identification number, for a vehicle so identified, or, if none, the vehicle's serial
1.13 number until the manufacturer adopts and uses a vehicle identification number.

1.14 (b) The commissioner shall furnish to any person applying for a copy of the registration,
1.15 a copy as specified in section 168.327.

1.16 (c) The commissioner shall also furnish vehicle registration records, without charge, to
1.17 chiefs of police, county sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys, and other law enforcement agencies
1.18 with the power to arrest.

1.19 (d) At the request of an applicant who is registering a motor vehicle under section 168.017
1.20 or 168.018 and who possesses a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing a
1.21 mental health designation under section 171.07, subdivision 20, the commissioner must
1.22 maintain information related to the mental health designation in the vehicle registration
1.23 records.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

2.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 168.346, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.3 read:

2.4 Subd. 4. **Mental health designation.** Information related to a mental health designation
2.5 under section 168.0185, paragraph (d), is private data on individuals as defined in section
2.6 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the commissioner must make the information electronically
2.7 available to peace officers in conjunction with vehicle registration records.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

2.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.10 read:

2.11 Subd. 20. **Mental health designation.** (a) At the request of an eligible applicant and
2.12 upon payment of the required fee, the department must issue, renew, or reissue to the
2.13 applicant a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing a mental health
2.14 designation.

2.15 (b) To be eligible for the designation under this subdivision, the applicant must provide
2.16 satisfactory evidence from a mental health practitioner or mental health professional, as the
2.17 terms are defined in section 245.462, subdivisions 17 and 18, that the applicant has an autism
2.18 spectrum disorder diagnosis or is a person with serious and persistent mental illness, as
2.19 defined in section 245.462, subdivision 20.

2.20 (c) An individual approved for the mental health designation under this subdivision is
2.21 not required to reapply for the designation for subsequent driver's license or Minnesota
2.22 identification card renewals.

2.23 (d) The commissioner must consult with the commissioner of human services to design
2.24 the mental health designation and specify mental illness classifications within the designation,
2.25 if any.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

2.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.28 read:

2.29 Subd. 5b. **Mental health designation.** The mental health designation under section
2.30 171.07, subdivision 20, is private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision

- 3.1 12, except that the commissioner must make information related to the designation
- 3.2 electronically available to peace officers in conjunction with the record of a driver.
- 3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.