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STATE OF MINNESOTA

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 3856

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/19/2024	11635	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation
03/11/2024	12143	Authors added Anderson; Wesenberg
03/13/2024	12154a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government and Veterans
03/25/2024	12891	Author added Maye Quade

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A bill for an act

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relating to drivers' licenses; amending eligibility for a veteran designation on

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drivers' licenses or Minnesota identification cards and burial in state veterans

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cemeteries; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section

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197.236, subdivision 8; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 171.07,

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subdivision 15.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 171.07, subdivision 15, is amended

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to read:

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Subd. 15. **Veteran designation.** (a) At the request of an eligible applicant and on payment

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of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue to the applicant a driver's

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license or Minnesota identification card bearing a graphic or written designation of:

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(1) Veteran; or

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(2) Veteran 100% T&P.

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(b) At the time of the initial application for the designation provided under this

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subdivision, the applicant must:

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(1) be one of the following:

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

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(ii) a retired or honorably discharged member of the National Guard or a reserve

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component of the United States armed forces;

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

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