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# S.F. No. 3093 - Allowing Advertising Devices Adjacent to Roads

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Date:

March 21, 2006

Section 1 allows an advertising device to be erected adjacent to a road, with the consent of the owner/lessee of the land and adjacent land, if the sign does not exceed 432 square inches, displays the owner's name and telephone number, and is displayed for no more than six weeks in a calendar year.

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Senator Wergin introduced-

S.F. No. 3093: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to highways; allowing certain advertising devices to be placed adjacent
1.3	to roads; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 173.08, by adding a
1.4	subdivision.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 173.08, is amended by adding a
1.7	subdivision to read:
1.8	Subd. 3. Advertising devices adjacent to roadway. (a) Except as otherwise
1.9	provided in this chapter, no advertising device may be erected or maintained within any
1.10	area adjacent to a road, as defined in section 160.02, except an advertising device that:
1.11	(1) does not exceed the size of 432 square inches, including border and trim, but
1.12	excluding base and supports;
1.13	(2) displays the name and telephone number of its owner;
1.14	(3) is located at a minimum distance of 20 feet from the edge of the road; and
1.15	(4) is erected and maintained for a maximum duration of six weeks in a calendar year.
1.16	(b) The owner of the advertising device, before erecting the device, shall obtain the
1.17	consent of the owner and lessee of the land on which the sign is erected and the owner and
1.18	lessee of adjacent land.

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## S.F. No. 3213 - Land Conveyance And Removal of Routes From State Highway System

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Date:

March 21, 2006

Section 1 directs the Commissioner of Transportation to convey certain land in Houston County to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Section 2 directs the Commissioner of Transportation to convey a parcel of land to the city of Montevideo.

Section 3 requires the turnback of two trunk highways: TH 242 to the Anoka County State-Aid Highway System and TH 262 to the Martin County State-Aid Highway System. This section repeals the relevant Minnesota statutes on existing trunk highways.

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A bill for an act

relating to state lands; conveying land; removing routes from state highway

Senators Kubly, Betzold, Kierlin and Foley introduced-S.F. No. 3213: Referred to the Committee on Transportation

system; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 161.115, subdivisions 173, 193. 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: 1.5 1.6 Section 1. CONVEYANCE OF STATE INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY TO UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. 1.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.281, 16B.282, 92.45, or any other 1.8 law to the contrary, the commissioner of transportation shall convey to the United States 1.9 Fish and Wildlife Service all right, title, and interest of the state of Minnesota, in the land 1.10 1,11 located in Houston County, known as the Four Seasons Wetland and Boots Bog: (a) The Four Seasons Wetland is located along marked Trunk Highway 26 at mile point 1.12 20.4 on the west side of the roadway. The majority of the site is in the Southwest Quarter 1.13 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 104 North, Range 4 West. There are 1.14 small parts of the site in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and also the 1.15 Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter. The overall site is approximately 15 acres. 1.16 (b) Boots Bog is located along marked Trunk Highway 16 at mile point 284.2 on the south 1.17 1.18 side of the roadway. The majority of the site is that part of the approximate western two-thirds of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 1.19 104 North, Range 4 West, that lies south of marked Trunk Highway 16. There is a small 1.20 part of the site in the extreme Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast 1.21 Quarter of Section 29, Township 104 North, Range 4 West, that lies south of marked \_.22 Trunk Highway 16. The overall site is approximately 15 acres. 1.23

2.1 Sec. 2. <u>CONVEYANCE OF STATE INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY TO CITY</u>
2.2 OF MONTEVIDEO.

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 94.09 or 94.10, the commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner of transportation may convey to the city of Montevideo, for no consideration, the surplus land described in paragraph (c).

- (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and provide that the land reverts to the state if the city of Montevideo ceases using the land for public purposes. The attorney general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.
- (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Lac Qui Parle County and is described as follows:

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That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 117 North, Range 41 West, Lac Qui Parle County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at a point 462.00 feet south of the northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 24 and running thence south on the east line of said Northwest Quarter of said section, 792.00 feet; thence west at right angles to said east line of said Northwest Quarter, 550.00 feet; thence north parallel with said east line of said Northwest Quarter of said section, 792.00 feet; thence east, 550.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres of land; Also a strip of land one (1) chain in width extending from the south line of the above described ten-acre tract to the south line of the Northwest Quarter of said section, the east line of said strip being the east line of the Northwest Quarter of said section, and the west line being parallel therewith, and one (1) chain distant therefrom.

Tract B:

A strip of land over and across the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 117 North, Range 41 West, Lac Qui Parle County, Minnesota, said strip being all that part of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter which lies within a distance of 50 feet on each side of the centerline of Trunk Highway marked 212 (formerly Trunk Highway marked 12) as located and established prior to January 1, 1928, said centerline being described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Section 24; thence run in an easterly direction along the north line of said Section 24 for a distance of 1472.3 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 04 degree 00 minute curve with a delta angle of 24 degrees 34 minutes for a distance of 614.2 feet; thence on a tangent to said curve for a distance of 600 feet and there terminating; together with that part of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest

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3.1	Quarter which lies northerly of the first described strip; also together with that part
	of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter which lies southwesterly of the
3.3	first described strip, easterly of a line run parallel to and distant 549.78 feet westerly
3.4	of the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and northerly of
3.5	a line run parallel to and distant 462 feet south of the north line of said Northeast
3.6	Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; excepting therefrom all that part of the above
3.7	described strips and tracts which lies within the right-of-way of existing highway
3.8	located in said subdivision prior to January 1, 1928;
3.9	which lies southerly of Line 1 described below:
3.10	Line 1:
3.11	Commencing at the north quarter corner of said Section 24; thence south on an
3.12	azimuth of 182 degrees 18 minutes 03 seconds along the north and south quarter line
5.13	thereof for 477.45 feet to the point of beginning of Line 1 to be described; thence
3.14	northwesterly on an azimuth of 296 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds for 310.65 feet;
3.15	thence deflect to the left on a tangential curve having a radius 2191.83 feet and a
3.16	delta angle of 07 degrees 27 minutes 47 seconds for 285.50 feet to the west line of
3.17	Tract B hereinbefore described;
3.18	Subject to the following restriction:
3.19	Access is not permitted to Trunk Highway marked 212 from the lands herein
3.20	conveyed, except that access is permitted on the easterly 66 feet thereof.
3.21	(d) The city of Montevideo shall consult with the State Historic Preservation Office
3.22	of the Minnesota Historical Society for review and approval before any proposed action
23	that may affect the historical, cultural, or archeological integrity of the site, which is
3.24	also known as the Camp Release State Monument and is listed on the National Register
3.25	of Historic Places. Any earth-disturbing activity or any action beyond traveled way
3.26	maintenance, mowing, and routine grounds maintenance must be considered to potentially
3.27	affect the integrity of the site and requires consultation.

## Sec. 3. REPEALERS; HIGHWAY CHANGES; REVISOR INSTRUCTIONS.

Subdivision 1. Legislative Route No. 242 removed. (a) Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 161.115, subdivision 173, is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the Anoka County Board transferring jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 242 and notifies the revisor of statutes under paragraph (b).

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l.1	(b) The revisor of statutes shall delete the route identified in paragraph (a) from
1.2	Minnesota Statutes when the commissioner of transportation sends notice to the revisor in
1.3	writing that the conditions required to transfer the route are satisfied.
ł.4	Subd. 2. Legislative Route No. 262 removed. (a) Minnesota Statutes 2004,
1.5	section 161.115, subdivision 193, is repealed effective the day after the commissioner
.6	of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the
1.7	Martin County Board transferring jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 262 and notifies
.8	the revisor of statutes under paragraph (b).
.9	(b) The revisor of statutes shall delete the route identified in paragraph (a) from
.10	Minnesota Statutes when the commissioner of transportation sends notice to the revisor in
.11	writing that the conditions required to transfer the route are satisfied.

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#### **APPENDIX**

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 06-5011

## 161.115 ADDITIONAL TRUNK HIGHWAYS.

Subd. 173. Route No. 242. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at or near Anoka, thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 5.

Subd. 193. Route No. 262. Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Granada; thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 9 easterly of Fairmont.

1.1	Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3213 as follows:
2	Page 4, line 4, delete " <u>262</u> " and insert " <u>294</u> "
1.3	Page 4, line 5, delete "193" and insert "225"
1.4	Page 4, delete line 7, and insert "Willmar City Council transferring jurisdiction of

Legislative Route No. 294 and notifies"

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# S.F. No. 3007 - Allowing Advertising on Trash and Recycling Receptacles (As Amended by SCS3007A-1 Delete-Everything)

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Date:

March 21, 2006

#### This bill allows:

- the placement and maintenance of trash and recycling receptacles within limits of any street or highway; and
- ♦ the placement of advertising on the receptacles, subject to authorization.

Franchises for the placement and maintenance of receptacles may be granted by a city council, if within city limits, or by the road authority, if outside city limits.

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Senators Dibble, Hann, Bonoff and Pappas introduced-

S.F. No. 3007: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to highways; authorizing cities of the first class to allow advertising on
1.3	trash and recycling receptacles placed in rights-of-way of streets and highways
1.4	amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 160.27, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 160.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7a. Trash and recycling receptacles. (a) In cities of the first class, advertisements, public art, and informational signs may be placed and maintained on trash and recycling receptacles within the right-of-way, but not within the roadway, of a street or highway, and on any enclosures around the corrals or receptacles, if (1) the road authority over a specific street or highway within the city has issued a permit to the city authorizing the placement of the receptacles within the right-of-way of any or all public streets or highways over which the road authority has jurisdiction, (2) the city has recommended and the road authority has authorized in the permit the placement and maintenance of advertisements, public art, or informational signs on the receptacles, and (3) the placement and maintenance does not create an unsafe situation.

- (b) Advertisements, public art, and information signs authorized under this subdivision are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the road authority authorizing their placement and maintenance.
- (c) The construction, placement, operation, maintenance, and servicing of the receptacles are subject to any further terms and conditions imposed by the city, including the payment of compensation to the city.

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(d) This subdivision does not supersede or preclude any requirements for obtaining
 permits from the appropriate road authority having jurisdiction for construction,
 reconstruction, or maintenance of the right-of-way of any trunk highway, county highway,
 or county state-aid highway.

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Senator ...... moves to amend S.F. No. 3007 as follows: 1.1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: 1.2 1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 160.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read: 1.4 Subd. 7a. Trash and recycling receptacles. (a) Trash and recycling receptacles 1.5 and enclosures around them may be placed and maintained within the limits of any 1.6 street or highway, including streets and highways within cities, when a license, permit, 1.7 or franchise therefor is first obtained from the road authority. The owners may place 1.8 advertisements on trash and recycling receptacles, and on any enclosures around them, if 1.9 authorized by the license, permit, or franchise. The receptacles and enclosures shall not 1.10 be placed or maintained on the portion of the highway or street prepared and maintained 1.11 for vehicle traffic. 1.12 (b) The council of any city may, by public negotiation or bid, grant franchises for ..13 the placement, operation, or maintenance of trash and recycling receptacles on streets 1.14 and highways within the city. The franchises shall be granted subject to terms and 1.15 1.16 conditions as the city may prescribe, including the payment of compensation to the city. This provision does not supersede or preclude any requirements for obtaining permits 1.17 from the appropriate road authority having jurisdiction for construction, reconstruction, 1.18 or maintenance of the right-of-way of any trunk highway, county highway, or county 1.19 state-aid highway. 1.20 (c) On streets and highways outside of cities, the road authority may, by public 1.21 negotiation or bid, grant franchises for the placement, operation, or maintenance of trash 1.22 and recycling receptacles on streets and highways within the road authority's jurisdiction. 1.23 The franchises shall be granted subject to terms and conditions as the road authority may 1.24 prescribe, including the payment of compensation to the road authority." 1.25



# SF 3007 Public Recycling and Trash Containers

Currently, under Minnesota State Statutes 160.27 exceptions are made for local authorities to place certain items in the public right-of-way that contain advertising.

The most visible of these items are the bus benches and shelters located throughout the metropolitan area. Typically, cities have a license or franchise agreement with a private company, who are allowed to place these items in the public right of way with advertising on them. For the most part, these items are fully maintained by private companies at no cost to the local tax payers and the cities hosting the bus benches and shelters receive additional revenue from negotiated agreements.

SF 3007 proposes to extend this current statue to include recycling and trash containers.

Currently there are thousands of public trash containers in the public right-of-way. In Minneapolis for example, there are about 900. The vast majority of these containers are paid for and fully maintained by the City of Minneapolis at an annual cost of about \$300,000 a year.

The proposed change in SF 3007 would provide cities, if they so chose, the ability to enter into an agreement with a private company to provide, fully service and maintain these containers in exchange for the right to sell advertising space upon them. The location of the receptacles, their design, and the type and size of the advertisement would be at the full discretion of the local authority under the "terms and conditions" imposed by that city through their authorizing agreements.

This additional authority would also provide a new opportunity for cities. The placement of public recycling containers is not currently something many local jurisdictions can afford. This would be an important new service to the public, particularly for those using public transportation. Public recycling containers would encourage recycling, keep a large number of recyclables being thrown away and help to keep streets and sidewalks free from debris.

We are asking for your support of SF 3007. It will allow cities to better provide much needed services, some additional revenue and help to keep our public right-of-way cleaner. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## S.F. No. 3045 - Gold Star Family Motor Vehicle License Plates

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Bonnie Berezovsky, Senate Counsel (651/296-9191)

Date:

March 21, 2006

**Section 1** adds a \$3 onetime "Gold Star Family Plate Surcharge" to all sales of personalized motor vehicle license plates.

Section 2 creates the Gold Star Family License Plate for motor vehicles.

**Subdivision 1** allows the Commissioner of Transportation to issue the "Gold Star Family" plates to vehicle owners authorized as "eligible persons" by the state or federal Veterans Affairs departments.

**Subdivision 2** defines "eligible person" as a surviving spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling or child of a person who has died while serving honorably in active U.S. military service.

Subdivision 3 sets the plate fee at \$10; no surcharges may be added. A surviving spouse or parent is exempt from this fee.

**Subdivision 4** allows a surviving spouse or parent to exempt one vehicle from the annual vehicle registration tax.

**Subdivision 5** directs the Commissioner of Transportation to design the Gold Star Family plates in consultation with Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

Subdivision 6 allows application for these plates to be made at any time.

**Subdivision 7** allows transfer of the plates to another vehicle of the eligible person, subject to \$5 fee.

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Senators Marko, Lourey, McGinn, Betzold and Koering introduced-S.F. No. 3045: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

## A bill for an act

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relating to motor vehicles; creating special Gold Star Family license plates for family members of military personnel who have died in active military service; exempting motor vehicle registration fee for certain survivors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168.12, subdivision 2a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:
  - Subd. 2a. Personalized plates; rules. (a) The commissioner shall issue personalized plates or, if requested for special plates issued under section 168.123 for veterans, 168.124 for medal of honor recipients, or 168.125 for former prisoners of war, applicable personalized special veterans plates, to an applicant who:
  - (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile including a passenger automobile registered as a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, or street rod; any truck with a manufacturer's nominal rated capacity of one ton or less and resembling a pickup truck; a motorcycle, including a classic motorcycle; or a recreational motor vehicle;
    - (2) pays a onetime fee of \$100 and any other fees required by this chapter;
- (3) pays a onetime surcharge of \$3, to be titled the "Gold Star Family Plate 1.19 Surcharge;" 1.20
  - (4) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and
- (4) (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles 1.22 and licensing of drivers. 1.23
  - (b) The commissioner shall charge a replacement fee for personalized license plates and personalized special veterans plates issued under section 168.123 as specified in

subdivision 5. This fee must be paid by the applicant whenever the personalized plates are required to be replaced by law, except that as provided in section 168.124, subdivision 3, and 168.125, subdivision 1b, no fee may be charged to replace plates issued under those sections.

- (c) In lieu of the registration number assigned as provided in subdivision 1, personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates must have imprinted on them a series of not more than seven numbers and letters, or five numbers and letters for personalized special veterans plates, in any combination and, as applicable, satisfy the design requirements of section 168.123, 168.124, or 168.125. When an applicant has once obtained personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates, the applicant shall have a prior claim for similar personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates in the next succeeding year as long as current motor vehicle registration is maintained.
- (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules in the manner provided by chapter 14, regulating the issuance and transfer of personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates. No words or combination of letters placed on these plates may be used for commercial advertising, be of an obscene, indecent, or immoral nature, or be of a nature that would offend public morals or decency. The call signals or letters of a radio or television station are not commercial advertising for the purposes of this subdivision.
- (e) Despite the provisions of subdivision 1, personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle listed in paragraph (a) and owned by the applicant, upon the payment of a fee of \$5.
  - (f) The commissioner may by rule specify the format for notification.
- (g) A personalized plate or personalized special veterans plate issued for a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, street rod, or classic motorcycle may not be transferred to a vehicle not eligible for such a plate.
- (h) Despite any law to the contrary, if the personalized license plates are lost, stolen, or destroyed, the applicant may apply and must be issued duplicate license plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers and the same design as (1) the former personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates under section 168.123 upon the payment of the fee required by section 168.29 or (2) the former personalized special veterans plates issued under section 168.124 or 168.125, without charge.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2006.

## Sec. 2. [168.1253] GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE.

Subdivision 1. Issuance; eligibility. The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing the inscription "GOLD STAR FAMILY" to an applicant who is an owner or joint

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9	owner of a motor vehicle, who is certified in writing by the United States Department of
-	Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans affairs as being an eligible person,
3	and who complies with all laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles
į	and drivers. The certification must indicate whether the person is an eligible person as
•	defined in either clause (1) or clause (2) of subdivision 2, paragraph (b).
	Subd. 2. Definitions. For purposes of this section:
	(a) "Active military service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.
	(b) The term "eligible person" includes:
	(1) the surviving spouse or surviving biological or adoptive parent of a person
7	who has died while serving honorably in active military service in the United States
•	armed forces; and
	(2) the surviving biological or adoptive grandparent, sibling, or child of a person
7	who has died while serving honorably in active military service in the United States
•	armed forces.
	(c) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial
]	ourposes, and may include a passenger automobile; a motorcycle; a recreational vehicle;
•	or a truck resembling a pickup truck and having a manufacturer's nominal rated capacity
4	of one ton.
	Subd. 3. Plate fee; exemption. A plate fee may not be charged to an eligible person
(	defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clause (1). For all other eligible persons, the
	commissioner shall charge a fee of \$10 per set of plates issued under this section. No
-	surcharge may be added to this fee.
	Subd. 4. Annual registration fee; exemption. For each eligible person defined in
-	subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clause (1), the commissioner may exempt one vehicle from
1	the annual registration tax required under section 168.013.
	Subd. 5. Design. The special license plates issued under this section must be of a
(	design and size determined by the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner
•	of veterans affairs. The commissioner may design the plates in accordance with section
	168.1291, subdivision 2.
	Subd. 6. Application. Application for issuance of these plates may be made at
	any time.
	Subd. 7. Transfer. On payment of a fee of \$5 and notification to the commissioner,
1	special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another personal motor
	vehicle owned or jointly owned by the eligible person.
	EFFECTIVE DATE This section is effective July 1, 2006

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Fiscal Note - 2005-06 Session

**Bill #:** S3045-0 **Complete Date:** 03/21/06

Chief Author: MARKO, SHARON

Title: LICENSE PLATES FOR FAM OF MIL PERSON

Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
State	X	
Local		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings	X	
Tax Revenue	X	

Agency Name: Public Safety Dept

This table reflects fiscal impact to state government. Local government impact is reflected in the narrative only.

Dollars (in thousands)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Expenditures					
Misc Special Revenue Fund			38	3	1
Less Agency Can Absorb				-	
No Impact					
Net Expenditures					
Misc Special Revenue Fund			38	3	1
Revenues					
General Fund			36	36	36
Misc Special Revenue Fund			3	2	1
Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund			(109)	(200)	(237)
Net Cost <savings></savings>					
General Fund			(36)	(36)	(36)
Misc Special Revenue Fund			35	1	0
Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund			109	200	237
Total Cost <savings> to the State</savings>			108	165	201

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Full Time Equivalents					
No Impact					
Total FTE					

#### **Bill Description**

A bill for an act relating to military family members; authorizing "Gold Star" license plates and free vehicle registration for parents and spouse; authorizing "Gold Star" license plates for grand parents and siblings.

### <u>Assumptions</u>

Assumes the plates would be issued in the same manner as Ex-POW plates.

Assumes a \$3 surcharge is added to the personalized plate fee and 12,000 personalized plates are issued yearly. Assumes the \$3 surcharge is deposited to the General Fund.

Assumes the expenses incurred from the Vehicle Services Account in the Special Revenue Fund would be appropriated to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Assumes 2,973 people would qualify for the plates and free registration and another 3,700 would qualify for the plate but not the free registration.

Assumes a \$10 plate fee for 300 FY07; 200 FY08; 100 FY09 & 100 FY10.

Assumes an average annual registration cost of \$91.00 for 1,200 FY07; 2,200 FY08; 2,600 FY09 & 3,000 FY10. Assume the effective date is July 1, 2006 and approximately six months would be needed for the design and establishing an inventory. Assume the marketing of the Gold Star plate is similar to current Veteran plates.

Estimated	Sales	Total in Fleet
FY07	1,500	1,500
	(1,200 free reg 300 other)	
FY08	1,200	2,700
·	(1,000 free reg 200 other)	
FY09	500	3,200
	(400 free reg 100 other)	
FY10	500	3,700
	(400 free reg 100 other)	

All plates issued would require mailing at a cost of \$1.98 and assumes postal rates remain constant. MINNCOR also charges a \$0.51 handling cost.

DVS also assumes a one time programming cost of \$5,000.

#### Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Start-up cost: \$38,484

(5000 plates @ \$5.10 + 1000 MC plates \$4,249 = \$29,749. Programming cost of \$5,000; mailing cost & Minncor handling charge for FY07 1,500@ \$2.49 = \$3,735; FY08:1200@ \$2.49 = \$2,988; FY09: 500@ \$2.49 = \$1,245; FY10: 500@ \$2.49 = \$1,245.)

Revenue from plate fee (\$10.00): FY07 \$3,000; FY08 \$2,000; FY09 \$1,000; FY10 \$1,000. Revenue (loss): FY07 (\$109,200); FY08 (\$200,200); FY09 (\$236,600); FY10 (\$273,000). Revenue from surcharge (\$3.00): \$36,000 each year.

#### **Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Loss of HUTD funds increase in proportion to increased eligibility

#### **Local Government Costs**

VA would need resources to provide verification letters to qualifying individuals.

#### References/Sources

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FN Coord Signature: FRANK AHRENS Date: 03/21/06 Phone: 296-9484

## **EBO Comments**

I have reviewed this Fiscal Note for accuracy and content.

EBO Signature: NORMAN FOSTER Date: 03/21/06 Phone: 215-0594

1.1	Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3045 as follows:
1.2	Page 1, line 20, after "Surcharge" insert ", the proceeds of which must be deposited
1.3	in the highway user tax distribution fund"
1.4	Page 3, line 24, before "the" insert "to whom the commissioner has issued special
1.5	plates under this section,"

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# S.F. No. 3106 - Suspension of Driver's License if Fees Paid With Insufficient Funds

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Date:

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This bill allows suspension of a driver's license if the licensee pays, or attempts to pay, required vehicle taxes or fees with a dishonored check.

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A bill for an act

Senators Marko, Murphy, Vickerman, Day and McGinn introduced—S.F. No. 3106: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1.2	relating to drivers' licenses; authorizing suspension of driver's license for
1.3	attempting to pay vehicle taxes or fees with insufficient funds; amending
1.4	Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 171.18, subdivision 1.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 171.18, subdivision 1, is
1.7	amended to read:
1.8	Subdivision 1. Offenses. The commissioner may suspend the license of a driver
1.9	without preliminary hearing upon a showing by department records or other sufficient
1.10	evidence that the licensee:
1.11	(1) has committed an offense for which mandatory revocation of license is required
1.12	upon conviction;
1.13	(2) has been convicted by a court for violating a provision of chapter 169 or
1.14	an ordinance regulating traffic, other than a conviction for a petty misdemeanor, and
1.15	department records show that the violation contributed in causing an accident resulting in
1.16	the death or personal injury of another, or serious property damage;
1.17	(3) is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a motor vehicle;
1.18	(4) is an habitual violator of the traffic laws;
1.19	(5) is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle as determined in a judicial proceeding;
1.20	(6) has permitted an unlawful or fraudulent use of the license;
1.21	(7) has committed an offense in another state that, if committed in this state, would
.22	be grounds for suspension;
1.23	(8) has committed a violation of section 169.444, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),

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within five years of a prior conviction under that section;

2.1	(9) has committed a violation of section 171.22, except that the commissioner may
2.2	not suspend a person's driver's license based solely on the fact that the person possessed a
2.3	fictitious or fraudulently altered Minnesota identification card;
2.4	(10) has failed to appear in court as provided in section 169.92, subdivision 4;
2.5	(11) has failed to report a medical condition that, if reported, would have resulted in
2.6	cancellation of driving privileges;
2.7	(12) has been found to have committed an offense under section 169A.33; or
2.8	(13) has paid or attempted to pay a fee required under this chapter for a license or
2.9	permit by means of a dishonored check issued to the state or a driver's license agent,
2.10	which must be continued until the registrar determines or is informed by the agent that the
2.11	dishonored check has been paid in full-; or
2.12	(14) who, as owner of a vehicle whose taxes or fees required under chapter 168 or
2.13	297B were due, paid or attempted to pay, or had another person pay or attempt to pay,
2.14	the vehicle taxes or fees required under chapter 168 or 297B by means of a dishonored
2.15	personal check issued to the state or a deputy registrar, which must be continued until the
2.16	registrar determines or is informed by the deputy registrar that the dishonored check
2.17	has been paid in full.
2.18	However, an action taken by the commissioner under clause (2) or (5) must conform to
2.19	the recommendation of the court when made in connection with the prosecution of the
2.20	licensee.

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## Minnesota Deputy Registrar's Association

# MDRA LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE PERTAINING TO NSF CHECKS ON <u>DVS</u> TRANSACTIONS

Senate File #3106 (Sen. Sharon Marko)

**Issue:** Over the past few years, deputy registrars have made great strides in addressing the problem of bad checks received at deputy offices involving motor vehicles. Working with the Driver and Vehicle Services Division, we have achieved suspensions on motor vehicle registrations as well as drivers' licenses when we have exhausted our attempts at collection. However, we continue to have problems with NSF registrations for motor vehicles when said vehicle is sold before the annual registration comes due.

**Proposed New Law:** SF 3106 seeks to address this issue. This bill would expand upon and strengthen the existing laws on NSF checks received by deputy registrars pertaining to motor vehicles. Elements of this bill would include:

- 1. Suspension of the driver's license of the vehicle's registered owner, when a NSF check is received for that specific motor vehicle registration.
- 2. This would apply to personal checks only.
- 3. This would apply regardless of who actually wrote the check, since the benefit received as a result of the bad check is ultimately the vehicle owner.
- 4. DVS would modify their existing contracts with deputy registrars regarding NSF suspensions to include this procedure.
- 5. Effective date to be August 1, 2006

The Minnesota Deputy Registrars' Association has conducted meetings with DVS staff regarding this proposal, and they have indicated no serious concerns with this legislation. On the reverse side of this handout is an outline of the current agreement that deputies have with DVS on this topic.

The MDRA appreciates your time and consideration of this legislation. Thank you.

# DISHONORED CHECK PROCEDURE DEPUTY REGISTRARS AND DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES

Applies to motor vehicle and driver's license transactions

The Deputy Registrar enters into a **written agreement** with DVS outlining the responsibilities of the deputy and the state:

### Key Elements or Responsibilities of the Deputy in the Agreement:

- 1. Adopt and adhere to a check acceptance policy that meets the minimum criteria in MN Statutes and policies outlined by the department (i.e. no counter checks or second party checks, check written for the amount of the transaction and check acceptance policy must be posted).
- 2. Use good faith efforts to collect on bad payment such as telephone contact and written notification prior to notifying the state. Maintain documentation such as a copy of the letter sent as a first attempt to collect on the check.
- 3. After the agreed period time (30 days) provide pertinent data of record to be suspended to the state.
- 4. Must notify the state *immediately* when dishonored check that has triggered a suspension is cleared.
- 5. Accept all responsibility for any liability resulting from the deputy's performance of duties under the agreement.

## Key Elements or Responsibilities of the State in the Agreement:

- 1. Issue notice indicating pending suspension of vehicle or driver's license for dishonored check if payment is not made within the prescribed period of time.
- 2. Upon notification that payment was not made on the dishonored check, the state shall suspend said record.
- 3. Said record will only be reinstated when notification of payment is received.
- 4. Accept all responsibility for any liability resulting from the state's performance of duties under the agreement.

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## S.F. No. 3151 - Minnesota Department of Transportation Housekeeping Bill

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Krista Boyd, Fiscal Analyst (651/296-7681)

Date:

March 21, 2006

Section 1 removes the June 30, 2006, sunset of the county state-aid highway screening board and provides that it does not expire. This board reviews county information annually and advises the Commissioner of Transportation concerning counties' lane miles and money needs.

Section 2 exempts from crane operator certification requirements an employee of a state agency while it is performing transportation maintenance. The crane certification requirement was enacted in 2005 and becomes effective July 1, 2007.

Section 3 reduces the minimum age of a driver transporting materials-of-trade hazardous materials (incidental transportation of small quantities of hazardous materials used in a business) from 21 to 18. Federal regulations allow this exception to the normal requirement that hazardous materials drivers must be at least 21 years old.

Section 4 repeals the statutory provision that requires MnDOT to mail copies of aeronautics rules to owners and operators/managers of airports and to air schools licensed or registered in Minnesota, and to have copies of rules available at the department to be furnished on request

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## Senator Langseth introduced-

S.F. No. 3151: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for permanent county state-aid highway fund screening board; clarifying certification requirements for crane operators; providing for age of driver transporting hazardous materials under federal materials-of-trade regulation; repealing provision requiring distribution of rules by mail; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 162.07, subdivision 5; 221.033, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 182.6525, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 360.015, subdivision 16.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 162.07, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Screening board. (a) On or before September 1 of each year the county engineer of each county shall forward to the commissioner, on forms prepared by the commissioner, all information relating to the mileage, in lane-miles, of the county state-aid highway system in the county, and the money needs of the county that the commissioner deems necessary in order to apportion the county state-aid highway fund in accordance with the formula heretofore set forth. Upon receipt of the information the commissioner shall appoint a board consisting of the following county engineers:

- (1) two county engineers from the metropolitan highway construction district;
- (2) one county engineer from each nonmetropolitan highway district; and
- (3) one additional county engineer from each county with a population of 175,000 or more.

No county engineer shall be appointed under clause (1) or (2) so as to serve consecutively for more than four years. The board shall investigate and review the information submitted by each county and shall on or before the first day of November of each year submit its findings and recommendations in writing as to each county's lane-mileage and money

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needs to the commissioner on a form prepared by the commissioner. Final determination 2.1 of the lane-mileage of each system and the money needs of each county shall be made by 2.2 2.3 the commissioner. (b) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the committee expires June 2.4 30, 2006 does not expire. 2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 182.6525, subdivision 2, is 2.6 amended to read: 2.7 Subd. 2. Exceptions. The requirements of subdivision 1 do not apply to: 2.8 (1) a crane operator trainee or apprentice, if the individual is under the direct 2.9 supervision of a crane operator who holds a valid crane operator certificate as required in 2.10 subdivision 1; 2.11 2.12 (2) a person directly employed by a class 1 or 2 railroad who is qualified by the employing railroad as a crane operator or boom truck operator while performing work on 2.13 property owned, leased, or controlled by the employing railroad; 2.14 (3) a person who is employed by a state agency while performing transportation 2.15 maintenance or is employed by or performing work for a public utility, rural electric 2.16 cooperative, municipality, telephone company, or industrial manufacturing plant; 2.17 (4) a person who is subject to inspection and regulation under the Mine Safety and 2.18 Health Act, United States Code, title 30, sections 801 through 962; 2.19 (5) a person engaged in boating, fishing, agriculture, or arboriculture; 2.20 (6) a person who is a member of and performing work for a uniformed service or 2.21 who is a member of and performing work for the United States Merchant Marine; 2.22 (7) a person who is operating a crane for personal use on premises owned or leased 2.23 by that person; and 2.24 (8) a person who is operating a crane in an emergency situation. 2.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007. 2.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 221.033, is amended by adding a subdivision 2.27 to read: 2.28 Subd. 2d. Age of driver under federal materials-of-trade regulation. A driver 2.29 of a self-propelled or towed motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross 2.30

Subd. 2d. Age of driver under federal materials-of-trade regulation. A driver of a self-propelled or towed motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of less than 10,001 pounds and transporting no hazardous material other than materials of trade, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 171.8, must be at least 18

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- years of age. This subdivision does not apply unless the transportation conforms to the
- requirements of Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 173.6.
- 3.3 Sec. 4. REPEALER.
- Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 360.015, subdivision 16, is repealed.

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#### **APPENDIX**

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 06-5844

### 360.015 COMMISSIONER; POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subd. 16. **Distribution of rules.** Rules adopted by the commissioner shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) by mailing copies to all owners and operators or managers of airports and to all air schools licensed or registered in the state; and,
- (2) by having a reasonable number of copies available at the offices of the department, to be furnished to interested persons upon request.

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# S.F. No. 3097 - Granting Towing Authority to Minnesota Department of Transportation Within Metro District

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Bonnie Berezovsky, Senate Counsel (651/296-9191)

Date:

March 21, 2006

Section 1 allows the MnDOT freeway service patrol to immediately tow a vehicle in the eight-county Metro district, if its location constitutes an accident or traffic hazard.

Section 2 amends the definition of "towing authority," to include the MnDOT freeway service patrol or a private company authorized by MnDOT.

Section 3 allows the MnDOT freeway service patrol to order a tow from a trunk highway after preparing a written towing report provided by the State Patrol. No parking citation is required.

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## Senator McGinn introduced-

S.F. No. 3097: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1.2 1.3 1.4	relating to transportation; granting towing authority to Department of Transportation within its metropolitan district; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 168B.04, subdivision 2; 169.041, subdivisions 1, 2.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 168B.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
1.7	Subd. 2. Unauthorized vehicles. (a) Units of government and peace officers may
1.8	take into custody and impound any unauthorized vehicle under section 169.041.
1.9	(b) A vehicle may also be impounded after it has been left unattended in one of the
1.10	following public or private locations for the indicated period of time:
1.11	(1) in a public location not governed by section 169.041:
12	(i) on a highway and properly tagged by a peace officer, four hours;
1.13	(ii) located so as to constitute an accident or traffic hazard to the traveling public, as
1.14	determined by a peace officer, immediately; or
1.15	(iii) located so as to constitute an accident or traffic hazard to the traveling
1.16	public within the Department of Transportation's eight-county metropolitan district,
1.17	as determined by an authorized employee of the department's freeway service patrol,
1.18	immediately; or
1.19	(iii) (iv) that is a parking facility or other public property owned or controlled by a
1.20	unit of government, properly posted, four hours; or
1.21	(2) on private property:
)	(i) that is single-family or duplex residential property, immediately;
1.23	(ii) that is private, nonresidential property, properly posted, immediately;

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(iii) that is private, nonresidential property, not posted, 24 hours;

(iv) that is private, nonresidential property of an operator of an establishment for the servicing, repair, or maintenance of motor vehicles, five business days after notifying the vehicle owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the property owner's intention to have the vehicle removed from the property; or

(v) that is any residential property, properly posted, immediately.

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- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 169.041, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

  Subdivision 1. **Towing authority.** For purposes of this section, "towing authority" means:
- (1) any local authority authorized by section 169.04 to enforce the traffic laws, and also includes a private towing company authorized by a local authority to tow vehicles on behalf of that local authority: or
- (2) an authorized employee of the Department of Transportation's freeway service patrol within the department's eight-county metropolitan district, and also includes a private towing company authorized by the department to tow vehicles on behalf of the department.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 169.041, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

  Subd. 2. Towing order required. A towing authority may not tow a motor

  vehicle from public property unless a peace officer or parking enforcement officer has

  prepared, in addition to the parking citation, a written towing report describing the motor

  vehicle and the reasons for towing. The report must be signed by the officer and the tow

  driver. Within the Department of Transportation's eight-county metropolitan district, an

  authorized employee of the department's freeway service patrol may order a tow from a

  trunk highway after preparing a written towing report provided by the Minnesota State

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Patrol but is not required to issue a citation.

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Senator ..... moves to amend S. F. No. 3097 as follows:

Page 2, after line 5, insert:

"(c) When a tow is requested under paragraph (a), clause (1) (iii), the department shall ensure that the tower initially requested to remove the vehicle is given the opportunity, to the greatest reasonable extent, to actually conduct and complete all towing operations requested; provided that, the owner of the vehicle to be towed has not already requested that another tower remove the vehicle, in which case the tower contacted by the owner must be given the first reasonable opportunity to conduct the towing operations required."

Page 2, line 24, after the period, insert "The department employee shall ensure that the tower initially requested to remove the vehicle is given the opportunity, to the greatest reasonable extent, to actually conduct and complete all towing operations requested; provided that, the owner of the vehicle to be towed has not already requested that another tower remove the vehicle, in which case the tower contacted by the owner must be given the first reasonable opportunity to conduct the towing operations required."

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### S.F. No. 3083 - Amending Definition of Recreational Vehicle Combination

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Bonnie Berezovsky, Senate Counsel (651/296-9191)

Date:

March 21, 2006

Section 1 amends the definition of "recreational vehicle combination," to add "motorized golf cart" to the list of vehicles permitted to be carried by the trailer in an RV combination.

Section 2 amends language that allows operation of RV combination without a permit under certain conditions, adding "motorized golf cart" to the list of vehicles permitted to be carried by the trailer in an RV combination.

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Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced-

S.F. No. 3083: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to transportation; amending definition of recreational vehicle
1.3	combination; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 169.01
1.4	subdivision 78; 169.81, subdivision 3c.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 169.01, subdivision 78, is amended to read:

Subd. 78. **Recreational vehicle combination.** (a) "Recreational vehicle combination" means a combination of vehicles consisting of a pickup truck as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 29, attached by means of a fifth-wheel coupling to a camper-semitrailer which has hitched to it a trailer carrying a watercraft as defined in section 86B.005, subdivision 18; off-highway motorcycle as defined in section 84.787, subdivision 7; motorcycle; motorized bicycle; snowmobile as defined in section 84.81, subdivision 3; all-terrain vehicle as defined in section 84.92, subdivision 8; motorized golf cart; or equestrian equipment or supplies.

- (b) For purposes of this subdivision:
- (1) A "fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling between a camper-semitrailer and a towing pickup truck in which a portion of the weight of the camper-semitrailer is carried over or forward of the rear axle of the towing pickup.
- (2) A "camper-semitrailer" is a trailer, other than a manufactured home as defined in section 327B.01, subdivision 13, designed for human habitation and used for vacation or recreational purposes for limited periods.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 169.81, subdivision 3c, is 2.1 amended to read: 2.2 Subd. 3c. Recreational vehicle combination. Notwithstanding subdivision 3, a 2.3 recreational vehicle combination may be operated without a permit if: 2.4 (1) the combination does not consist of more than three vehicles, and the towing 2.5 rating of the pickup truck is equal to or greater than the total weight of all vehicles 2.6 being towed; 2.7 (2) the combination does not exceed 70 feet in length; 2.8 (3) the middle vehicle in the combination does not exceed 28 feet in length; 2.9 (4) the operator of the combination is at least 18 years of age; 2.10 (5) the trailer carrying a watercraft, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, off-highway 2.11 motorcycle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, motorized golf cart, or equestrian equipment 2.12 or supplies meets all requirements of law; 2.13 (6) the trailers in the combination are connected to the pickup truck and each other 2.14 in conformity with section 169.82; and 2.15 (7) the combination is not operated within the seven-county metropolitan area, as 2.16 defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2.17

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4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

1.1	Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3083 as follows:
12	Page 2, strike line 9
1.3	Page 2, line 10, strike "(4)" and insert "(3)"
1.4	Page 2, line 11, strike "(5)" and insert "(4)"
1.5	Page 2, line 14, strike "(6)" and insert "(5)"
1.6	Page 2, line 16, strike "(7)" and insert "(6)"

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### S.F. No. 3084 - Regulating Low-Speed Vehicles

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Krista Boyd, Fiscal Analyst (651/296-7681) j. ß

Date:

March 21, 2006

Section 1 specifically excludes commuter vans from the definition of "passenger automobile" in the vehicle registration chapter. "Commuter vans" is a separate registration category under Minnesota Statutes, section 168.126. This section also includes "low-speed vehicles" as defined in section 2 of this bill within the definition of passenger automobile, subjecting these vehicles to vehicle registration requirements.

Section 2 defines, within the vehicle titles chapter of law, a low-speed vehicle, to mean an electricpowered vehicle with four wheels and a maximum speed of 20-25 miles per hour.

Section 3 provides that a low-speed vehicle, in order for the department to issue a certificate of title, must have a vehicle identification number and a manufacturer's certificate of origin clearly labeling the vehicle as a low-speed vehicle.

Section 4, Subdivision 1, cross-references, in the traffic regulations chapter, the definition of "low-speed vehicle" in section 2 of this bill.

Subdivision 2 allows operation of a low-speed vehicle on public streets and highways if it meets federal low-speed vehicle equipment requirements. Federal requirements include headlamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, stop lamps, reflectors, exterior side-view mirrors, parking brake, windshield, VIN, and seat belt assembly at each seating position.

Subdivision 3 prohibits operation of a low-speed vehicle on a street or highway with a speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour, except to cross the street or highway.

Subdivision 4 allows a road authority (including MnDOT by order), within its jurisdiction, to prohibit or restrict operation of a low-speed vehicle.

Section 5 is deleted by amendment.

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Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced-

S.F. No. 3084: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to motor vehicles; regulating low-speed vehicles; amending Minnesota
1.3	Statutes 2004, sections 168A.01, by adding a subdivision; 168A.05, by adding a
1.4	subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 168.011, subdivision
1.5	7; 169.522, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.6	chapter 169.
1.7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.8	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168.011, subdivision 7,
1.9	is amended to read:
1.10	Subd. 7. Passenger automobile. (a) "Passenger automobile" means any motor
1.11	vehicle designed and used for carrying not more than 15 individuals, including the driver.
1-mi-Q	(b) "Passenger automobile" does not include motorcycles, motor scooters, buses, or
1.13	school buses, or commuter vans as defined in section 168.126.
1.14	(c) "Passenger automobile" includes, but is not limited to:
1.15	(1) pickup trucks and vans, including those vans designed to carry passengers, with
1.16	manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity of one ton, but does not include commute
1.17	vans as defined in section 168.126.; and
1.18	(2) low-speed vehicles as defined in section 168A.01, subdivision 8c.
1.19	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 168A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.20	to read:
1.21	Subd. 8c. Low-speed vehicle. "Low-speed vehicle" means an electric-powered
1.22	passenger vehicle with four wheels and a maximum speed of between 20 and 25 miles

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per hour on a paved level surface.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 168A.05, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. Low-speed vehicle; certificate required. The department shall not issue a title for a low-speed vehicle (1) lacking a vehicle identification number, or (2) for which a manufacturer's certificate of origin clearly labeling the vehicle as a low-speed vehicle has not been issued.

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Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "low-speed vehicle" has the meaning given it in section 168A.01, subdivision 8c.

Subd. 2. Required equipment. Notwithstanding any other law, a low-speed vehicle may be operated on public streets and highways if it meets all equipment requirements for low-speed vehicles in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.500.

Subd. 3. Operation. A low-speed vehicle may not be operated on a street or highway with a speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour, except to make a direct crossing of that street or highway.

Subd. 4. Restrictions and prohibitions. A road authority, including the commissioner of transportation by order, may prohibit or further restrict the operation of low-speed vehicles on a street or highway under the road authority's jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 169.522, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Displaying emblem; rules.** (a) All animal-drawn vehicles, motorized golf carts when operated on designated roadways pursuant to section 169.045, <u>low-speed vehicles as defined in section 168A.01</u>, <u>subdivision 8c</u>, implements of husbandry, and other machinery, including all road construction machinery, which are designed for operation at a speed of 30 miles per hour or less, must display a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem, except (1) when being used in actual construction and maintenance work and traveling within the limits of a construction area marked in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as set forth in section 169.06, or (2) for a towed implement of husbandry that is empty and that is not self-propelled, in which case it may be towed at lawful speeds greater than 30 miles per hour without removing the slow-moving vehicle emblem. The emblem must consist of a fluorescent or illuminated red-orange triangle with a dark red reflective border and be mounted so as to be visible from a distance of not less than 600 feet to the rear. When a primary power unit towing an implement of husbandry or other machinery displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem

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visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear, it is not necessary to display a similar emblem on the secondary unit. All slow-moving vehicle emblems sold in this state must be so designed that when properly mounted they are visible from a distance of not less than 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beam of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The commissioner of public safety shall adopt standards and specifications for the design and position of mounting the slow-moving vehicle emblem. Such The standards and specifications must be adopted by rule in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

- (b) An alternate slow-moving vehicle emblem consisting of a dull black triangle with a white reflective border may be used after obtaining a permit from the commissioner under rules of the commissioner. A person with a permit to use an alternate slow-moving vehicle emblem must:
- (1) carry in the vehicle a regular slow-moving vehicle emblem and display the emblem when operating a vehicle between sunset and sunrise, and at any other time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions; and
- (2) permanently affix to the rear of the slow-moving vehicle at least 72 square inches of reflective tape that reflects the color red.

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# S.F. No. 2849 - Town Bridge Account Expenditures - Inflation Adjustment

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March 21, 2006

This bill requires that towns' net tax capacity limit be annually adjusted for inflation, when determining net tax capacity for purposes of allocating matching money from the town bridge account.

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1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to transportation; modifying provision governing financial assistance
1.3	from the town bridge account; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section
1.4	161.082, subdivision 2a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 161.082, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. Town bridges and culverts; town road account. (a) Money in the town bridge account must be expended on town road bridge structures that are ten feet or more in length and on town road culverts that replace existing town road bridges. In addition, if the present bridge structure is less than ten feet in length but a hydrological survey indicates that the replacement bridge structure or culvert must be ten feet or more in length, then the bridge or culvert is eligible for replacement funds.

- (b) In addition, if a culvert that replaces a deficient bridge is in a county comprehensive water plan approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Department of Natural Resources, the costs of the culvert and roadway grading other than surfacing are eligible for replacement funds up to the cost of constructing a replacement bridge.
- (c) The expenditures on a bridge structure or culvert may be paid from the county turnback account and may be for 100 percent of the cost of the replacement structure or culvert or for 100 percent of the cost of rehabilitating the existing structure.
- (d) The town bridge account may be used to pay the costs to abandon an existing bridge that is deficient and in need of replacement, but where no replacement will be made. It may also be used to pay the costs to construct a road or street to facilitate the

abandonment of an existing bridge determined by the commissioner to be deficient, if the commissioner determines that construction of the road or street is more cost efficient than replacing the existing bridge.

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- (e) When bridge approach construction work exceeds \$10,000 in costs, or when the county engineer determines that the cost of the replacement culverts alone will not exceed \$20,000, or engineering costs exceed \$10,000, the town shall be eligible for financial assistance from the town bridge account. Financial assistance shall be requested by resolution of the county board and shall be limited to:
  - (1) 100 percent of the cost of the bridge approach work that is in excess of \$10,000;
- (2) 100 percent of the cost of the replacement culverts when the cost does not exceed \$20,000 and the town board agrees to be responsible for all the other costs, which may include costs for structural removal, installation, and permitting. The replacement structure design and costs shall be approved and certified by the county engineer, but need not be subsequently approved by the Department of Transportation; or
- (3) 100 percent of all related engineering costs that exceed \$10,000, or in the case of towns with a net tax capacity of less than \$200,000 \sum., 100 percent of the engineering costs. Beginning in fiscal year 2007, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the net tax capacity limit must be annually adjusted for the increase in inflation, from the most recent previous year available, using the annual implicit price deflator for state and local expenditures as published by the United States Department of Commerce.

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(f) Money in the town road account must be distributed as provided in section 162.081.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2006.

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### S.F. No. 2982 - Racing And Exhibition Driving

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March 21, 2006

### Section 1 deals with exhibition driving. The section:

- includes vehicle racing within the definition of reckless driving, which is a misdemeanor. A person who operates a vehicle and "willfully compares or contests relative speeds" is guilty of vehicle racing, even if the vehicle is operated within the speed limit;
- declares exhibition driving to be a misdemeanor. Exhibition driving involves starting or accelerating with an unnecessary exhibition of speed, which may be evidenced by unreasonable squealing or screeching of tires, or throwing of sand or gravel by the vehicle's tires, or both; and
- specifically excludes an authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency call or in pursuit of a violator, emergency operation of a vehicle avoiding imminent danger; and a racing facility, or government-sanctioned event.

This section is effective August 1, 2006, for violations committed on and after that date.

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S.F. No. 2982: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to public safety; clarifying that unauthorized racing is considered
1.3	reckless driving; prohibiting exhibition driving; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4	2004, section 169.13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 169.13, is amended to read:

### 169.13 RECKLESS<del>-OR</del>, CARELESS, OR EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Subdivision 1. Reckless driving. (a) Any person who drives any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving and such reckless driving is a misdemeanor.

- (b) A person shall not race any vehicle upon any street or highway of this state.

  Any person who willfully compares or contests relative speeds by operating one or more vehicles is guilty of racing, which constitutes reckless driving, whether or not the speed contested or compared is in excess of the maximum speed prescribed by law.
- Subd. 2. Careless driving. Any person who operates or halts any vehicle upon any street or highway carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including the driver or passengers of the vehicle, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Subd. 2a. Exhibition driving. A person who operates any vehicle in such a manner as to start or accelerate with an unnecessary exhibition of speed is guilty of a misdemeanor.

  Prima facie evidence of an unnecessary exhibition of speed is the unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by the vehicle's tires or the throwing of sand or gravel by the vehicle's tires, or both.

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2.1	Subd. 3. Application. (a) The provisions of this section apply, but are not limited in
2.2	application, to any person who drives any vehicle in the manner prohibited by this section:
2.3	(1) upon the ice of any lake, stream, or river, including but not limited to the ice of
2.4	any boundary water; or
2.5	(2) in a parking lot ordinarily used by or available to the public though not as a
2.6	matter of right, and a driveway connecting such a the parking lot with a street or highway.
2.7	(b) This section does not apply to:
2.8	(1) an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when
2.9	in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator;
2.10	(2) the emergency operation of any vehicle when avoiding imminent danger; or
2.11	(3) any raceway, racing facility, or other public event sanctioned by the appropriate
2.12	governmental authority.
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2.13	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2006, for violations
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### S.F. No. 2983 - Dealer Notification of Intent to Dismantle or Destroy Vehicle; Amending Definition of "Motorized Foot Scooter" (As Amended by SCS2983A-1)

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March 21, 2006

**Section 1** is deleted by (SCS2983A-1) amendment.

Section 2 requires a dealer to notify the Commissioner of Public Safety electronically of acquisition of an older-model vehicle, late-model vehicle, or high-value vehicle that is titled and registered in Minnesota, if the vehicle is to be dismantled or destroyed. A dealer may contract this service to a deputy registrar who may charge a fee up to \$7 per transaction.

Section 3 changes the definition of "motorized foot scooter" to include certain vehicles with no more than two ten-inch or smaller diameter wheels, and (current law provides "or") an engine or motor capable of a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour.

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relating to motor vehicles; modifying provision for salvage certificate of title; requiring notice on vehicle to be dismantled or destroyed; modifying definition of "motorized foot scooter"; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 168A.153; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 168A.151, subdivision 1; 169.01, subdivision 4c.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168A.151, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Salvage titles. (a) When an insurer, licensed to conduct business in Minnesota, acquires ownership of a late-model or high-value vehicle through payment of damages, the insurer shall immediately apply for a salvage certificate of title or shall stamp the existing certificate of title with the legend "SALVAGE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE" in a manner prescribed by the department. Within 48 hours of taking possession of a vehicle through payment of damages, an insurer must notify the department in a manner prescribed by the department.

(b) Any person who acquires a damaged motor vehicle with an out-of-state title <u>as</u> <u>proof of ownership</u>, and the cost of repairs exceeds the value of the damaged vehicle or a motor vehicle with an out-of-state salvage title or certificate, as proof of ownership, shall immediately apply for a salvage certificate of title, except if the out-of-state title is <u>already a salvage certificate of title</u>. A self-insured owner of a late-model or high-value vehicle who sustains damage by collision or other occurrence which exceeds 70 percent of its actual cash value shall immediately apply for a salvage certificate of title. Damage, for the purpose of this calculation, does not include the actual cost incurred to repair, replace,

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or reinstall inflatable safety restraints and other vehicle components that must be replaced due to the deployment of the inflatable safety restraints.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 168A.153, is amended to read:

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# 168A.153 REPORT OF VEHICLE RECEIPT; SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE.

Subdivision 1. **Older model vehicle.** A dealer who buys an older model vehicle to be dismantled or destroyed shall report to the department within 30 days including the vehicle's license plate number and identification number, and the seller's name and driver's license number.

Subd. 2. Late-model or high-value vehicle. A dealer who buys a late-model or high-value vehicle to be dismantled or destroyed shall notify the secured party, if any, and then surrender the certificate of title and a properly completed application for a salvage certificate of title to the department within ten days the commissioner in the manner prescribed in subdivision 3. The dealer shall then properly destroy the certificate of title.

Subd. 3. Notification on vehicle to be dismantled or destroyed; service fee.

Within the time frames prescribed in subdivisions 1 and 2 of acquiring a vehicle titled and registered in Minnesota, a dealer shall notify the registrar that the dealership purchased the vehicle to be dismantled or destroyed. The notification must be made electronically as prescribed by the registrar. The dealer may contract this service to a deputy registrar and the registrar may charge a fee not to exceed \$7 per transaction to provide this service.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 169.01, subdivision 4c, is amended to read:

Subd. 4c. **Motorized foot scooter.** "Motorized foot scooter" means a device with handlebars designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion, and that has either (1) no more than two ten-inch or smaller diameter wheels or (2) and has an engine or motor that is capable of a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than one percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged. An electric personal assistive mobility device, a motorized bicycle, an electric-assisted bicycle, or a motorcycle is not a motorized foot scooter.

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1.1	Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2983 as follows:
1.2	Page 1, delete section 1
1.3	Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
1.4	Amend the title accordingly

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### S.F. No. 3033 - Graduated Driver Licenses

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Section 1 places certain restrictions on driving privileges of a provisional license holder under 18 years of age in the first year after receiving the license. The driver may not operate the vehicle:

- With more than one passenger under 21, except for immediate family members; or
- Between midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless a parent/guardian is present.

Written permission, carried by the driver, stating that the driver is exempt from either or both limitations, signed by the parent/guardian, with daytime contact information, exempts the driver from either or both limitations.

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S.F. No. 3033: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1.	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to drivers' licenses; modifying requirements for operation of motor
1.3	vehicle by minor holder of provisional license; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4	2005 Supplement, section 171.055, subdivision 2.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 171.055, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
  - Subd. 2. Use of provisional license. (a) A provisional license holder may operate a motor vehicle only when every occupant under the age of 18 has a seat belt or child passenger restraint system properly fastened. A person who violates this paragraph is subject to a fine of \$25. A peace officer may not issue a citation for a violation of this paragraph unless the officer lawfully stopped or detained the driver of the motor vehicle for a moving violation as defined in section 171.04. The commissioner shall not record a violation of this paragraph on a person's driving record.
  - (b) A provisional license holder may not operate a vehicle while communicating over, or otherwise operating, a cellular or wireless telephone, whether handheld or hands free, when the vehicle is in motion. The provisional license holder may assert as an affirmative defense that the violation was made for the sole purpose of obtaining emergency assistance to prevent a crime about to be committed, or in the reasonable belief that a person's life or safety was in danger.
  - (c) <u>During the first year after receiving the license</u>, a provisional license holder who is under the age of 18 may not operate a motor vehicle:
  - (1) with more than one passenger under age 21, except for immediate family members; or

(2) between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m.	unless accompanied by the holder's
parent or guardian.	
(d) A provisional license holder is exempt from	either or both restrictions in

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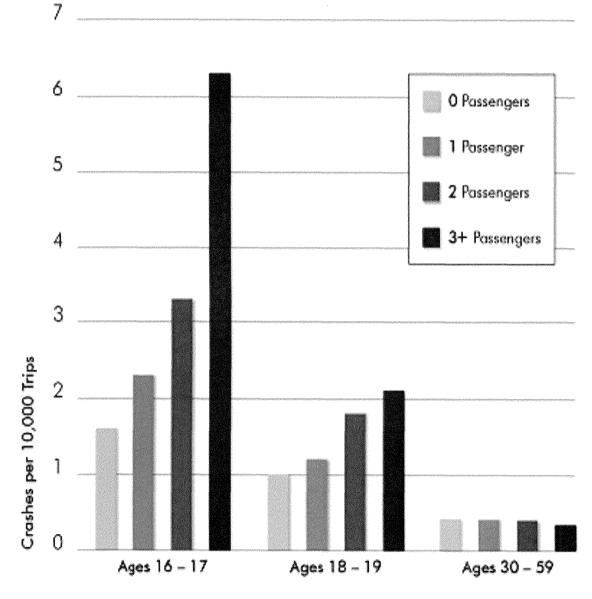
paragraph (c) if the holder carries written permission that (1) is signed by the holder's parent or guardian, (2) gives the parent's or guardian's permission for the license holder to be exempt from one or both restrictions, and (3) includes a telephone number where the signing parent or guardian can be reached between 5:00 a.m. and midnight.

(e) If the holder of a provisional license during the period of provisional licensing incurs (1) a conviction for a violation of section 169A.20, 169A.33, 169A.35, or sections 169A.50 to 169A.53, (2) a conviction for a crash-related moving violation, or (3) more than one conviction for a moving violation that is not crash related, the person may not be issued a driver's license until 12 consecutive months have expired since the date of the conviction or until the person reaches the age of 18 years, whichever occurs first.

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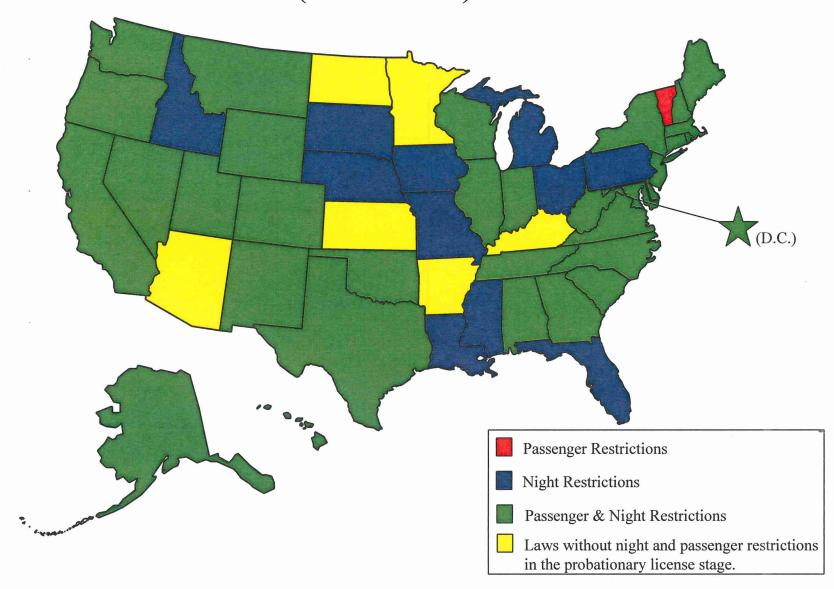
# Crash Rates by Driver Age and Number of Passengers



Source: insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)

"Teenage Passengers in Motor Vehicle Crashes: A Summary of Current Research" Allan F. Williams, December 2001

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### S.F. No. 3255 - Restricting Access to Driver's License And Vehicle Registration Data

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Section 1 adds a subdivision to the data practices act which subjects the use of information used to obtain a driver's license/identification card to Minnesota Statutes, section 171.12, subdivision 7, which is amended in this bill in section 3.

Section 2 defines exceptions to the general rule that the commissioner may not disclose vehicle registration data. Permissible users are defined as:

- those connected with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety or theft, motor vehicle emissions, product alterations or recalls, vehicle performance monitoring, and certain specific federal laws;
- government agencies (including law enforcement), or private entities acting on behalf of government agencies;
- businesses or their agents to verify accuracy of personal information submitted by the subject, with the subject's written consent; and
- employers seeking to verify information about a commercial driver's license holder.

A registered owner who consents to disclosure of personal information otherwise exempt from disclosure, must consent on a document separate from the registration application.

Data may be disclosed only on an individual record basis, not on a bulk record basis.

An individual's image, Social Security number, or medical/disability information may be disclosed only to government agencies.

Permissible users must warrant that they will not redisclose data.

Within ten days of permissible disclosure, the commissioner must notify the subject of disclosure as to the identity of the requester, data disclosed, and the right to remedy any violation.

The commissioner must cover the department's costs by charging a fee to requesting entities. The commissioner may adopt rules. Penalties and remedies applicable to consumer protection laws apply to any violator other than a government agency.

Section 3 defines exceptions to the general rule that the commissioner may not disclose driver's license/identification card data. Permissible users, and other provisions concerning disclosure of data, are the same as in section 2, relating to vehicle registration information.

Section 4 repeals two subdivisions (Minnesota Statutes, section 168.346, subdivision 2; and Minnesota Statutes, section 171.12, subdivision 7a) that permit limited disclosure of vehicle registration or driver's license personal information relating to public safety.

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relating to government data; restricting permissible uses of data provided to obtain a driver's license or Minnesota identification card and to register a vehicle; prohibiting bulk sales; prohibiting resale of individual records by permissible users; prohibiting disclosure of highly restricted information including photographs, Social Security numbers, and medical information except to government agencies; requiring permissible users to pay a fee for data; providing for rulemaking authority; providing public and private remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 13.6905, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 168.346, subdivision 1; 171.12, subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 171.12, subdivision 2.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 13.6905, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 10a. Driver's license application information. The use of information
  provided to obtain a driver's license or Minnesota identification card is governed under
  section 171.12, subdivision 7.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168.346, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. Vehicle registration data; federal compliance; disclosure

  restrictions; rules. (a) Except as provided in this section, data on an individual provided
  to register a vehicle shall must be treated as provided by United States Code, title 18,
  section 2721, as in effect on May 23, 2005, and shall be disclosed as required or permitted
  by that section.

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2.1	(b) The commissioner shall not disclose to any person any data on individuals
2.2	provided to register a vehicle except to permissible users as follows:
2.3	(1) for use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft;
2.4	motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories;
2.5	performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers;
2.6	and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle
2.7	manufacturers to carry out the purposes of titles I and IV of the Anti Car Theft Act of
2.8	1992; the Automobile Information Disclosure Act codified in United States Code, title 15
2.9	section 1231 et seq.; the Clean Air Act codified in United States Code, title 42, section
2.10	7401 et seq.; and United States Code, title 49, chapters 301, 305, and 321-331;
2.11	(2) for use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement
2.12	agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of a
2.13	federal, state, or local agency in carrying out its functions;
2.14	(3) for use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business or its agents,
2.15	employees, or contractors, but only to verify the accuracy of personal information
2.16	submitted by an individual to the business upon that individual's express written consent;
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2.18	(4) for use by an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify information
2.19	relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license that is required under United States
2.20	Code, title 49, chapter 313.
2.21	(c) The registered owner of a vehicle who is an individual may expressly consent in
2.22	writing to the commissioner to disclose the individual's personal information exempted
2.23	by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, to any person who makes a written request
2.24	for the personal information. If the registered owner is an individual and so authorizes
2.25	disclosure, the commissioner shall implement the request. The consent must be on a
2.26	document separate from the application for registration, and the commissioner shall
2.27	neither condition in any way the issuance of the registration upon the consent nor afford
2.28	any preference to an individual who grants consent.
2.29	(c) If authorized by the registered owner as indicated in paragraph (b), the registered
2.30	owner's personal information may be used, rented, or sold solely for bulk distribution by
2.31	organizations for business purposes including surveys, marketing, or solicitation. (d) The
2.32	commissioner may disclose data as provided in paragraph (b) only on an individual record
2.33	basis. The commissioner shall not disclose data on a bulk record basis.
2.34	(e) The commissioner shall not disclose an individual's photograph or image, Social
2.35	Security number, or medical or disability information except to a permissible user as
2.36	provided in paragraph (b), clause (2).

3.1		(f) A permissible user or its agent, employee, or contractor who receives data as
3.2	٠	provided in paragraph (b) shall not resell or redisclose the data, and shall warrant to the
3.3		commissioner that it will not do so.
3.4		(g) Within ten days of a disclosure of data to a permissible user as provided in
3.5		paragraph (b), clause (1), (3), or (4), the commissioner shall provide notice to the
3.6		individual about whom the data applies concerning (1) the identity of the permissible
3.7		user, (2) the data disclosed to the permissible user, and (3) the individual's right to bring
3.8	•	an action to remedy a violation of this section, including the prohibition on resale or
3.9		redisclosure of the data by the permissible user.
3.10		(h) The commissioner shall charge each permissible user a fee sufficient to cover
3.11		the department's cost of complying with this subdivision.
3.12		(i) The commissioner may adopt rules in order to implement this subdivision.
.3		(j) The penalties and remedies in section 8.31 apply to any violation of this section
3.14		by any person other than a government agency.
3.15		Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 171.12, subdivision 7, is
3.16		amended to read:
3.17		Subd. 7. Privacy of data; federal compliance; disclosure restrictions; rules. (a)
3.18		Except as provided in this section, data on individuals provided to obtain a driver's license
3.19		or Minnesota identification card shall must be treated as provided by United States Code,
3.20		title 18, section 2721, as in effect on May 23, 2005, and shall be disclosed as required or
3.21		permitted by that section.
3.22		(b) The commissioner shall not disclose to any person any data on individuals
<i>3</i> .23		provided to obtain a driver's license or Minnesota identification card except to permissible
3.24		users as follows:
3.25		(1) for use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft;
3.26		motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories;
3.27		performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers;
3.28		and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle
3.29		manufacturers to carry out the purposes of titles I and IV of the Anti Car Theft Act of
3.30		1992; the Automobile Information Disclosure Act codified in United States Code, title 15,
3.31		section 1231 et seq.; the Clean Air Act codified in United States Code, title 42, section
3.32		7401 et seq.; and United States Code, title 49, chapters 301, 305, and 321-331;
.33		(2) for use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement
3.34		agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of a
3.35		federal, state, or local agency in carrying out its functions;

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4.1	(3) for use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business or its agents,
4.2	employees, or contractors, but only to verify the accuracy of personal information
4.3	submitted by an individual to the business upon that individual's express written consent;
4.4	(4) for use by an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify information
4.5	relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license, as required under United States
4.6	Code, title 49, chapter 313.
4.7	(c) An applicant for a driver's license or a Minnesota identification card may
4.8	expressly consent, in writing, to the commissioner to disclose the applicant's personal
4.9	information exempted by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, to any person who
4.10	makes a request for the personal information. If the applicant so authorizes disclosures,
4.11	the commissioner shall implement the request and the information may be used. The
4.12	consent must be on a document separate from the application for a driver's license or
4.13	identification card, and the commissioner shall neither condition in any way the issuance
4.14	of an individual's driver's license or identification card upon the consent nor afford any
4.15	preference to an individual who grants consent.
4.16	(c) If authorized by an applicant for a driver's license or a Minnesota identification
4.17	card, as indicated in paragraph (b), the applicant's personal information may be used,
4.18	rented, or sold solely for bulk distribution by organizations for business purposes,
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4.20	as provided in paragraph (b) only on an individual record basis. The commissioner shall
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4.31	user, (2) the data disclosed to the permissible user, and (3) the individual's right to bring
4.32	an action to remedy a violation of this section, including the prohibition on resale or
4.33	redisclosure of the data by the permissible user.
4.34	(d) (h) An applicant for a driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota

identification card may request that the applicant's residence address be classified

as "private data on individuals," as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The

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commissioner shall grant the classification on receipt of a signed statement by the
individual that the classification is required for the safety of the applicant or the applicant's
family, if the statement also provides a valid, existing address where the applicant
consents to receive service of process. The commissioner shall use the service for
process mailing address in place of the residence address in all documents and notices
pertaining to the driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card. The
residence address and any information provided in the classification request, other than the
mailing address, are private data on individuals and may be provided to requesting law
enforcement agencies, probation and parole agencies, and public authorities, as defined
in section 518.54, subdivision 9.

- (i) The commissioner shall charge each permissible user a fee sufficient to cover the department's cost of complying with this subdivision.
  - (j) The commissioner may adopt rules in order to implement this subdivision.
- (k) The penalties and remedies in section 8.31 apply to any violation of this section by any person other than a government agency.

### Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 171.12, subdivision 7a, and Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168.346, subdivision 2, are repealed.

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#### **APPENDIX**

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 06-6605

### 168.346 PRIVACY OF NAME OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS.

Subd. 2. **Personal information disclosure for public safety.** The commissioner shall disclose personal information when the use is related to the operation or use of a vehicle or to public safety. The use of personal information is related to public safety if it concerns the physical safety or security of drivers, vehicles, pedestrians, or property. The commissioner may refuse to disclose data under this subdivision when the commissioner concludes that the requester is likely to use the data for illegal, improper, or noninvestigative purposes.

### 171.12 DRIVING RECORD; FILING; PRIVATE DATA; SURCHARGE.

Subd. 7a. **Disclosure of personal information.** The commissioner shall disclose personal information where the use is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or to public safety. The use of personal information is related to public safety if it concerns the physical safety or security of drivers, vehicles, pedestrians, or property. The commissioner may refuse to disclose data under this subdivision when the commissioner concludes that the requester is likely to use the data for illegal, improper, or noninvestigative purposes.

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Section 1 updates cross-references concerning motor vehicle registration data in the Data Practices Act to conform to current law and new language in the bill dealing with electronic or Internet access to records.

Section 2 updates cross-references concerning driver's license/identification card data in the Data Practices Act and new language. The section applies to driver's license/identification card data in general, broadening the application from the current limitation to residence address.

Section 3 changes the statute governing motor vehicle records in the following ways:

- Adds a cross-reference to the new section of law (Section 5 in the bill), governing electronic and Internet access to records;
- Strikes current language allowing bulk distribution of personal information for business purposes with the consent of the subject;
- Prohibits release of lists of information or bulk distribution;
- Allows release of information in response to single inquiries; and
- Allows release of information to a government agency (such as law enforcement) as permitted by federal law.

Section 4 includes the same changes to the statute governing driver's license/identification cards records as are included in section 3 concerning motor vehicle records.

Section 5, Subdivision 1, requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to establish a system for electronic or Internet access to registration or driver's license personal information, only if the subject of the information has consented to disclosure. Disclosure to a government agency, as authorized by federal law, is not subject to the consent requirement.

### Subdivision 2 specifies system requirements as follows:

- Verifiability of requester's authorization to have access;
- User agreements requiring requester to agree to comply with law;
- Documentation requirements, both involving the subject's consent and the person to whom information is sold or released within the next five years;
- Specification of types of information that may be released;
- Security mechanisms:
- System audit requirements;
- Bond or surety deposit to be filed by user with the commissioner; and
- Mechanism for payment of fees.

Subdivision 3 establishes unspecified fees for application and use of the electronic system, and for non-electronic requests.

**Subdivision 4** applies consumer protection statute remedies and penalties for a user of information who violates this section or a user agreement. The court may impose a statutory consumer protection civil penalty, or \$1000 per individual violation, whichever is greater.

Section 6 establishes a public safety and financial crimes account in the special revenue fund. Fees collected under section 5, subdivision 3, of this bill, are deposited in the account and appropriated to the commissioner. Fifty percent of the money in the account is to operate the electronic/Internet access system, and 50 percent is to operate the Minnesota Financial Crimes Oversight Council and Task Force.

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Senators Chaudhary, Murphy, Skoglund and Ortman introduced-

S.F. No. 3375: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1.1	A bill for an act			
1.2	relating to privacy; prohibiting bulk distribution of personal information in			
1.3	driver's license and motor vehicle records; requiring consent for Internet or			
1.4	electronic access to records; specifying system security requirements; prohibiting			
1.5	further use or release of records; establishing fees; providing for remedies			
1.6	and imposing civil fines; establishing the public safety and financial crimes			
1.7	account; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section			
1.8	13.6905, subdivision 10; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 13.6905,			
1.9	subdivision 3; 168.346, subdivision 1; 171.12, subdivision 7; proposing coding			
1.10	for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.			
1.11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:			
.12	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 13.6905, subdivision 3,			
.13	is amended to read:			
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.15	registrations are classified under registration data is governed by sections 168.327,			
.16	subdivision 3 <del>, and</del> ; 168.346; and 299A.682.			
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.17	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 13.6905, subdivision 10, is amended to read:			
.18	Subd. 10. Driver's license address or Minnesota identification card. The			
.19	residence address of certain individuals provided to the commissioner of public safety			
.19	residence address of certain individuals provided to the commissioner of public safety			
.20	Access to data in drivers' driver's license or Minnesota identification card applications is			
.21	classified under section governed by sections 171.12, subdivision 7 and 299A.682.			

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 168.346, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Vehicle registration data; federal compliance. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 299A.682, data on an individual provided

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to register a vehicle shall be treated as provided by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, as in effect on May 23, 2005, and shall be disclosed as required or permitted by that section.

- (b) The registered owner of a vehicle who is an individual may consent in writing to the commissioner to disclose the individual's personal information exempted by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, to any person who makes a written request for the personal information. If the registered owner is an individual and so authorizes disclosure, the commissioner shall implement the request.
- (c) If authorized by the registered owner as indicated in paragraph (b), the registered owner's personal information may be used, rented, or sold solely for bulk distribution by organizations for business purposes including surveys, marketing, or solicitation.

  The commissioner may disclose a registered owner's personal information only in response to single inquiries for information. The commissioner must not disclose personal information in the form of lists or other bulk distribution. This paragraph does not apply to the release of information to a government agency as authorized under United States

  Code, title 18, section 2721, paragraph (b), clause (1). Electronic or Internet access to personal information is governed by section 299A.682.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 171.12, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- Subd. 7. **Privacy of data.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 299A.682, data on individuals provided to obtain a driver's license or Minnesota identification card shall be treated as provided by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, as in effect on May 23, 2005, and shall be disclosed as required or permitted by that section.
- (b) An applicant for a driver's license or a Minnesota identification card may consent, in writing, to the commissioner to disclose the applicant's personal information exempted by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, to any person who makes a request for the personal information. If the applicant so authorizes disclosures, the commissioner shall implement the request—and the information may be used.
- (c) If authorized by an applicant for a driver's license or a Minnesota identification eard, as indicated in paragraph (b), the applicant's personal information may be used, rented, or sold solely for bulk distribution by organizations for business purposes, including surveys, marketing, or solicitation. The commissioner may disclose an applicant's personal information only in response to single inquiries for information. The commissioner must not disclose personal information in the form of lists or other bulk

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distribution. This paragraph does not apply to the release of information to a government agency as authorized under United States Code, title 18, section 2721, paragraph (b), clause (1). Electronic or Internet access to personal information is governed by section 299A.682.

(d) An applicant for a driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card may request that the applicant's residence address be classified as "private data on individuals," as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The commissioner shall grant the classification on receipt of a signed statement by the individual that the classification is required for the safety of the applicant or the applicant's family, if the statement also provides a valid, existing address where the applicant consents to receive service of process. The commissioner shall use the service for process mailing address in place of the residence address in all documents and notices pertaining to the driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card. The residence address and any information provided in the classification request, other than the mailing address, are private data on individuals and may be provided to requesting law enforcement agencies, probation and parole agencies, and public authorities, as defined in section 518.54, subdivision 9.

# Sec. 5. [299A.682] ELECTRONIC OR INTERNET ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION IN MOTOR VEHICLE OR DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS; FEES.

Subdivision 1. General. The commissioner of public safety shall establish a system for electronic or Internet access to personal information in motor vehicle registration or driver's license or Minnesota identification card records, as permitted under section 168.346 or 171.12. Personal information may be disclosed by electronic means or through the Internet only if the subject of the information has consented to this type of disclosure, unless the disclosure is to a government agency as authorized under United States Code, title 18, section 2721, paragraph (b), clause (1).

### Subd. 2. System requirements. The system must include:

- (1) methods for verifying that a person requesting access to the system is doing so for a permissible use under United States Code, title 18, section 2721;
- (2) permissible user agreements under which the person agrees to comply with the requirements of state and federal law, including a prohibition on the use of the personal information in a manner not specified in the agreement and on the resale or redisclosure of the information;
- (3) documentation requirements under which users must maintain a record of the consent of the subject of the data to the disclosure and of persons to whom an authorized

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4.1	resale or release of the information is made for at least five years after the consent or				
4.2	resale or release;				
4.3	(4) specification of the types of personal information that may be released based on				
4.4	the permissible use for which access is obtained;				
4.5	(5) establishment of user passwords and other security mechanisms necessary for				
4.6	ensuring the integrity of the system and the prevention of unlawful access to or use of				
4.7	personal information;				
4.8	(6) system audit requirements, including provisions in user agreements that allow the				
4.9	state to inspect user systems and records to determine compliance with the requirements				
4.10	of applicable law and the agreement and provisions for tracking transactions involving				
4.11	access to personal information on an individual for at least five years;				
4.12	(7) a requirement that the user file a bond with the commissioner in an amount to				
4.13	be determined by the commissioner, or pay to the commissioner an equivalent sum of				
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1.16	(8) mechanisms for payment of user fees.				
1.17	Subd. 3. Fees. (a) The commissioner shall charge the following fees for the use of				
.18	the system established under this section:				
.19	(1) \$ application fee; and				
.20	(2) \$ fee for each inquiry for personal information on an individual.				
.21	(b) The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$ for each inquiry for personal				
.22	information on an individual that is made in person, by mail, or other means that does				
.23	not involve electronic or Internet access.				
.24	Subd. 4. Remedies. The remedies and penalties in section 8.31 apply to a user of				
.25	personal information who violates this section or the terms of a user agreement entered				
.26	into under this section. In addition, the court may impose a civil penalty in an amount				
.27	authorized under section 8.31 or \$1,000 per individual violation, whichever is greater.				
.28	Sec. 6. [299A.683] PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCIAL CRIMES ACCOUNT.				
.29	A public safety and financial crimes account is created in the special revenue fund				
.30	consisting of the fees collected under section 299A.682, subdivision 3. Fifty percent of the				
.31	money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for				
.32	purposes of operating the system for electronic or Internet access to personal information				
.33	under section 299A.682 and 50 percent of the money in the account is annually				
34	appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for purposes of the operations of the				
35	Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force established under section 299A 681, subdivision				

5.1 3. The commissioner shall make specialized financial crimes prosecutors' grants as

recommended by the Minnesota Financial Crimes Oversight Council in consultation with

5.3 representatives of county attorneys and the attorney general.

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