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S.F. No. 3975 - Roadable aircraft registration and operation (as proposed to be amended by A-2 author's amendment)

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S.F. 3975 establishes registration and operation requirements for roadable aircraft.

Section 1 adds “roadable aircraft” to the definition of motor vehicle in the vehicle registration chapter of law.

Section 2 exempts roadable aircraft from displaying license plates.

Section 3 provides that, in lieu of license plates, the commissioner must issue roadable aircraft’s registration identical to its federally-issued tail number.

Section 4 establishes registration requirements for roadable aircraft as a motor vehicle in Minnesota. An owner must comply with all rules and regulations governing the registration for a motor vehicle when registering, titling, insuring, or paying taxes for a roadable aircraft.

Sections 5 and 6 clarify that a roadable aircraft is not an autocycle nor a motorcycle.

Section 7 establishes rules for operating a roadable aircraft in Minnesota.

Subdivision 1 defines terms, including “aircraft,” “airport,” “restricted landing area,” and “unlicensed landing area.”

Subdivision 2 provides that a roadable aircraft is considered an airplane when in the air, at an airport, an unlicensed landing area, or on a restricted landing area

but is a motor vehicle when in operation everywhere else (including public roadways).

Requires an owner of a roadable aircraft comply with all rules and requirements governing the registration of airplanes. Limits roadable aircraft to taking off and landing at an airport, unlicensed landing area, or restricted landing area.

Subdivision 3 prohibits the intentional deployment of a roadable aircraft's wing or tail components while in operation on a roadway. Provides criminal penalties.

Section 8 defines a roadable aircraft in the traffic regulations chapter of law as an aircraft capable of taking off and landing at a suitable airfield but is also designed for and may be driven on roadways as a conveyance.