

1.1 **Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 3250:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring an open bidding  
1.3 process when deputy registrars and driver's license agents close locations; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168.33, by adding a subdivision; 171.061, by adding a  
1.5 subdivision.

1.6 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.7 Page 1, line 20, delete "July 1, 2023" and insert "October 1, 2025"

1.8 Page 2, line 15, delete "July 1, 2023" and insert "October 1, 2025"

1.9 Page 2, after line 15, insert:

1.10 "Sec. 3. **DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND DRIVER'S LICENSE AGENT LOCATIONS**  
1.11 **OPEN BIDDING STUDY REQUIRED.**

1.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
1.13 the meanings given.

1.14 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

1.15 (c) "Deputy registrar" means a public or private deputy registrar appointed by the  
1.16 commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33.

1.17 (d) "Driver's license agent" means a public or private driver's license agent appointed  
1.18 by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Study required.** The commissioner must conduct a driver's license agent and  
1.20 deputy registrar open bidding process study. The study must evaluate and analyze the  
1.21 appointment process for a replacement deputy registrar or driver's license agent when an  
1.22 appointed deputy registrar or driver's license agent closes their approved office location. At  
1.23 a minimum, the study must evaluate the requirements established in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.24 section 168.33, subdivision 8b, and Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 5a,  
1.25 and must include:

1.26 (1) the commissioner's proposal for administering and enforcing an open bidding process  
1.27 to select a replacement deputy registrar or driver's license agent at an existing approved  
1.28 location;

1.29 (2) recommended legislation to establish, implement, administer, and enforce an open  
1.30 bidding process and its requirements in statute rather than the commissioner using rulemaking  
1.31 to create the process;

(3) an analysis of how the open bid proposal would interact with the commissioner's existing rules on deputy registrar and driver's license agent office locations and propose recommendations to reconcile any issues;

(4) the effect of an open bidding process on service outcomes, financial sustainability, and needed financial assistance for deputy registrars and driver's license agents;

(5) how an open bidding process would initiate business development for persons who are seeking appointment as a deputy registrar or driver's license agent;

(6) the expected fiscal impact for creating and administering an open bidding process;

(7) recommendations on the impact of implementing an open bidding process on existing deputy registrar and driver's license agent locations; and

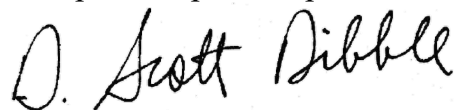
(8) feedback from existing deputy registrars and driver's license agents on the commissioner's proposal.

**Subd. 3. Report.** By February 1, 2025, the commissioner must complete the study and submit it to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy. The study must include proposed legislation to establish and implement the open bidding process required in Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33, subdivision 8b, and Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 5a."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "locations" insert "; requiring a study"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.



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(Committee Chair)

March 11, 2024.....  
(Date of Committee recommendation)