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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a temporary exception for certain duplicate
1.3 driver's license and Minnesota identification card charges following arrest or
1.4 detention; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.06,
1.5 by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.06, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 2d. Exception; certain detentions. (a) For an applicant who submits a declaration
1.10 under paragraph (b), the commissioner must not impose a fee for a duplicate license or
1.11 Minnesota identification card, including a surcharge and a filing fee under subdivision 2
1.12 and a filing fee under section 171.061, subdivision 4.

1.13 (b) To be eligible under paragraph (a), an applicant must provide a declaration that the
1.14 applicant:

1.15 (1) was arrested or detained by a peace officer or a federal agent within the meaning of
1.16 the definition in section 626.77, subdivision 3; and

1.17 (2) has lost possession of the applicant's license or Minnesota identification card as a
1.18 result of the arrest or detention.

1.19 (c) The exception in this subdivision applies to the first instance of a duplicate license
1.20 or Minnesota identification card issued to an applicant on or after October 1, 2026, and
1.21 before February 1, 2029.

1.22 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1 Sec. 2. **DUPLICATE LICENSE OR MINNESOTA IDENTIFICATION CARD; FEE**
2.2 **REFUNDS.**

2.3 (a) By December 31, 2026, the commissioner of public safety must issue a refund
2.4 payment to each individual who obtained a duplicate driver's license or Minnesota
2.5 identification card on or after December 1, 2025, and before October 1, 2026. The amount
2.6 of a payment equals the amount charged for the duplicate credential, including a fee,
2.7 surcharge, and filing fee under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.06, subdivision 2, and a
2.8 filing fee under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 4.

2.9 (b) The amount necessary is appropriated in fiscal year 2027 from the driver and vehicle
2.10 services operating account in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety
2.11 for the payments under paragraph (a). This is a onetime appropriation.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.