

Subject Motor vehicle registration information systems

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Overview

This bill provides for a commercial off-the-shelf information technology system that replaces the motor vehicle portion of the system known as the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS). Among its provisions, the bill funds the information technology systems through a combination of (1) a onetime general fund appropriation, (2) a technology surcharge, (3) fee increases for subscription and bulk data access of driver and vehicle records, and (4) temporary increases (for about two years) in license plate and driver's license fees. The appropriations and most of the fee changes are in amounts to be specified. The bill also directs expedited procurement of a packaged software product, establishes a legislative oversight committee, and creates a task force on motor vehicle registration and the registration tax.

Summary

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1	Technology surcharge. Re-establishes a surcharge on vehicle registrations, in an amount to be determined. The revenue is deposited in a technology account that funds driver and motor vehicle information technology systems.
2-9, 11-24	License plates. Modifies the fee for various types of special license plates to amounts to be determined. Makes technical changes to cross-reference a centralized fee schedule.
10	Additional fee. Modifies various license plate fees to amounts to be determined.
25	Driver records subscription service. Increases the fee per record for subscription-based system on driver data to be \$0.02 per driver record, which is increased from \$0.01. Allocates the additional revenue to a technology account for driver and vehicle information technology systems.

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26	<p>Bulk vehicle records requests.</p> <p>Increases the fee per record for bulk vehicle data to be \$0.02 per vehicle record, which is increased from a maximum of \$0.01. Allocates the additional revenue to a technology account for driver and vehicle information technology systems.</p>
27	<p>Special plates or certificate; fee; proceeds to highway user fund.</p> <p>Modifies the fee for intercity bus license plates to amounts to be determined.</p>
28	<p>Amounts.</p> <p>Re-establishes a surcharge on original and duplicate vehicle titles, at amounts to be determined. The revenue is deposited in a technology account for driver and vehicle information technology systems.</p>
29	<p>Fees.</p> <p>Raises the fee for a driver's license by amounts to be determined for all classes of regular, REAL ID-compliant, and enhanced licenses. Re-establishes a surcharge on license transactions, at an amount to be determined. The surcharge revenue is deposited in a technology account for driver and vehicle information technology systems.</p>
30	<p>Driver and vehicle services technology account.</p> <p>Revises permitted use of funds in the technology account for driver and vehicle information technology systems. Modifies reporting requirements, including to require annual legislative reporting on the account (instead of on the MNLARS project).</p>
31	<p>Appointment.</p> <p>Revises duties of an information technology auditor appointed by the Office of the Legislative Auditor under 2018 legislation, including to require quarterly reports to a legislative oversight committee being established in the bill. The reports relate to project activities and implementation of a new information technology system that replaces the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS).</p>
32	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>Defines terms for sections 33 and 34.</p>
33	<p>Driver and vehicle systems oversight committee.</p> <p>Establishes a legislative oversight committee that replaces a MNLARS legislative steering committee and is tasked with oversight of driver and vehicle services information technology projects, including implementation of a new system that replaces MNLARS.</p>

Subd. 1. Definitions. Makes a cross-reference for definitions of terms.

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	<p>Subd. 2. Driver and Vehicle Systems Oversight Committee established. Creates the oversight committee and specifies legislative membership.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Dissolution of MNLARS Steering Committee. Eliminates a MNLARS Steering Committee that was created in 2018 as part of supplemental appropriations for the MNLARS project.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Duties. Specifies oversight committee duties.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Progress reports. Directs the Department of Public Safety and MN.IT, as well as the vendor selected to provide a vehicle information technology system that replaces MNLARS, to report quarterly to the committee.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Meetings. Provides for committee meetings, including requiring meetings at least quarterly. Directs the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide administrative support.</p> <p>Subd. 7. Expiration. Provides for expiration of the oversight committee six months after implementation of the replacement vehicle information technology system. Directs the committee to provide a report to the legislature.</p>
34	<p>Vehicle title and registration system. Establishes requirements governing procurement and implementation of a vehicle information technology system that replaces MNLARS.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Makes a cross-reference for definitions of terms.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Procurement. Authorizes expedited procurement of a replacement vehicle information technology system, including authority to waive provisions of state procurement law. Sets vendor eligibility requirements regarding prior deployment experience and expertise in packaged software products. Allows a contract award based on the best value procurement method of contracting.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Stakeholder input. Requires Department of Public Safety to consult with stakeholders during implementation.</p> <p>Subd. 4. MNLARS freeze. Prevents ongoing updates and enhancements to MNLARS, except for a scheduled June 2019 update, updates for the fee changes being made in the bill, and maintenance to address bugs.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Department roles. Establishes that the Department of Public Safety is the owner of the vehicle information technology system, and MN.IT is the technical lead on the project.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Customization. Provides for customization of the vehicle information technology system that replaces MNLARS, including specifying that an executive branch driver and vehicle steering committee must make recommendations to</p>

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	<p>the commissioner of public safety, who is responsible for approving or denying customization requests.</p> <p>Subd. 7. Timeline. Establishes an intended timeline for the project, including intended launch of a replacement motor vehicle information technology system by the end of calendar year 2020.</p> <p>Subd. 8. Driver and Vehicle Systems Oversight Committee. Directs the oversight committee to oversee implementation of the project to replace MNLARS.</p>
35	<p>Self-service options.</p> <p>Directs the Department of Public Safety to consider methods to add in self-service and on-the-spot fulfillment services.</p>
36	<p>Vehicle Registration Task Force.</p> <p>Creates a task force to study approaches to motor vehicle registration and taxation. Specifies task force membership, identifies duties, requires a legislative report by January 15, 2020, provides for administrative support by the Legislative Coordinating Commission, allows for compensation of public members, and provides for task force expiration.</p>
37	<p>Appropriations.</p> <p>Paragraph (a) appropriates funds from the general fund in amounts to be determined for a commercial off-the-shelf information technology system that replaces MNLARS and for ongoing operations and maintenance of MNLARS and other legacy information systems until they are decommissioned.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) appropriates funds from a data security account in amounts to be determined for the information technology auditor in the Office of the Legislative Auditor.</p>
38	<p>Revisor instruction.</p> <p>Directs the Revisor of Statutes to make conforming technical changes to statutes.</p>
39	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals a required assessment of the MNLARS project by the information technology auditor in the Office of the Legislative Auditor.</p>
40	<p>Effective date.</p> <p>Makes the bill effective the day following final enactment. Makes the plate fee and driver's license fee increases temporary, so that the increases would be imposed from August 1, 2019, to September 30, 2021.</p>



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