

# House Research Act Summary

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- 1 **Definition.** Redefines "small vehicle passenger service" to include, in the metropolitan area only, for-hire transportation of persons certified to use Metro Mobility service in vehicles with up to 15 passenger capacity, equipped with wheelchair lift and at least 3 wheelchair securement positions. Under present law small vehicle passenger service, which is exempt from MnDOT passenger carrier registration requirements, is limited to service in vehicles designed for up to 7 persons.
- 2 **Transfer of vehicles.** Allows the metropolitan council to transfer former Metro Mobility vehicles to another special transportation provider or to a taxi provider. Provides that if it transfers such a vehicle to a taxi provider, it may do so only if the taxi provider is licensed in a city whose licensing ordinance provides for (1) criminal background checks and annual driving record checks for drivers, and (2) inspection of vehicles at least annually.
- 3 **Application.** Specifies that the act applies in the seven metropolitan counties.