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Overview

This bill makes various technical corrections to motor vehicle law, primarily with respect to disabled parking.

Section

- 1 **Campsite fees.** Changes reference from “handicapped” to “disabled” in law governing state park fees and permits.
- 2 **Campsite permits.** Same.
- 3 **Technical.** Adds a definition of “commissioner” to motor vehicle registration law.
- 4 **“Motor vehicle” definition.** Changes “physically disabled license plates” to “disability plates.”
- 5 **Disability plates.** Changes reference to special disabled plates to disability plates. Limits the Department of Public Safety from issuing more than one set of disability license plates unless all vehicles of the owner have been modified for and are used only by disabled persons. Deletes the requirement that the remaining license tax credit originally allowed for a vehicle to which disability plates have been issued be repaid when the vehicle is sold. Makes various other technical changes.
- 6 **Temporary disability permit.** Corrects a reference to temporary disability permits to temporary certificates.
- 7 **Disabled parking.** Makes changes in law governing disabled parking certificates.
 - Creates categories of certificates: “long-term certificate” means certificate valid from 12 to 71 months, “six-year certificate” means certificate valid for 6 years, “permit” means permit issued for 30 days in lieu of a certificate while the certificate application is being processed, “short-term certificate” means a certificate issued for

6-12 months, “temporary certificate” means certificate issued for up to 6 months

- Adopts references to “disability plates”
- Allows a person to be issued up to two disabled certificates if the person does not have disability plates
- Specifies that the driver of a vehicle with a certificate has parking privileges only while the vehicle is parked while transporting a physically disabled person
- Provides new requirements for organization certificates to organizations that provide transportation to one or more physically disabled persons, including requirement that organization must have internal controls to prevent misuse
- Allows cancellation of certificate for improper use, fraud in obtaining, error in issuance, death of certificate holder, removal of certificate holder from Minnesota, and failure to comply with law.

- 8 Disabled parking spaces.** Expands the prohibition against parking so as to obstruct access to a disabled space, to include parking to obstruct access to associated access aisle. Prohibits altering disabled certificates.
- 9 Signs.** Makes technical changes.
- 10 Keeping space free of obstruction.** Expands responsibility of property owner or manager to keep disabled parking space free of obstruction, to include keeping the associated access aisle free of obstruction.
- 11 Penalties.** Makes technical changes.