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## Overview

This act amends provisions enacted in 2013 regarding the automated property system (APS) for tracking scrap metal and scrap vehicle transactions. It delays the effective date of implementation from January 2015 to February 2016 and provides a grace period for enforcement.

In addition, it establishes the parameters for implementing a fee schedule for use of APS. The city of Minneapolis (which operates APS) may charge a fee to scrap metal and scrap vehicle operators for transactions entered into the system. The fee may not exceed 72 cents for the first four years of operation. Thereafter, the city may adjust the fee to reflect the ongoing, reasonable costs of operating and maintaining the system. The fee schedule may be examined by the state auditor at any time. Finally, the city must file a biennial report with the state auditor and the legislature that outlines the fee schedule and costs associated with APS.