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### Overview

This act addresses supplemental funding and project activities for the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS). Among its features, it:

- ▶ appropriates \$9.65 million in Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) operating account funds for MNLARS, along with \$350,000 for the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA);
- ▶ sets various MNLARS project timeline, planning, performance measurement, and reporting requirements;
- ▶ directs OLA to appoint an information technology auditor to review the aspects of the MNLARS project;
- ▶ establishes a MNLARS Steering Committee composed of legislators to oversee project activity and allotment of any fiscal year 2019 funds;
- ▶ requires a request for information on using a vendor to replace the vehicle services functionality in MNLARS; and
- ▶ mandates seeking federal extensions on REAL ID Act enforcement.

### Section

**1** **MNLARS; supplemental appropriation, implementation requirements.** Makes appropriations related to the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS). The section is effective the day after enactment.

**Subd. 1. Appropriations; MNLARS.** Appropriates a total of \$9.65 million from two driver services and vehicle services operating accounts in fiscal year 2018 for ongoing work on the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS).

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**Subd. 2. Appropriations; Office of the Legislative Auditor.** Appropriates \$350,000 over fiscal years 2018-19 to the Office of the Legislative Auditor for an information technology auditor position.

**Subd. 3. Uses of funds.** Itemizes spending amounts under the MNLARS appropriations (made in subdivision 1), that are only for specifically identified activities and purposes. Restricts use of the funds to exclude (1) additional Department of Public Safety staff, and (2) MNLARS audit or assessment activities.

**Subd. 4. Adjustments.** Starting May 1, 2018, allows for adjustments within the existing MNLARS appropriations (in subdivision 1) to be requested from a MNLARS Steering Committee being established in the bill.

**2 MNLARS implementation requirements.** Sets various requirements governing the MNLARS project development process as well as for executive branch reporting. The section is effective the day after enactment.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms for the section.

**Subd. 2. Project timeline; deadlines; performance measures; plans.** Directs the Department of Public Safety and the Office of MN.IT Services to submit a project budget, implementation schedule, performance measures, and various project-related plans to the MNLARS Steering Committee. Specifies performance measurements that must be included and establishes that the performance measures are not administrative rules. The information is required by May 1, 2018.

**Subd. 3. Progress reporting.** Requires reports on progress of the MNLARS project by May 1, 2018, and quarterly in fiscal year 2019, to the MNLARS Steering Committee and the OLA information technology auditor. Specifies report content to include information on whether the project is meeting deadlines, the status for each of the performance measures, a review of recent project activity, information on project staffing, and details on any unexpected costs. Requires a statement by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the State Chief Information Officer regarding the completeness and veracity of the reports.

**Subd. 4. Stakeholder reporting.** Provides for reporting by deputy registrars and auto dealers regarding status of meeting the project performance measures.

**Subd. 5. Request for information; report.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to issue a request for information (RFI) from vendors to obtain information on the feasibility, cost, and timeline in contracting for a replacement to the vehicle services functions in MNLARS. Identifies information to obtain through the RFI process and requires legislative reporting. The request for information must be issued by April 1, 2018, and a report to the legislature is due by May 1, 2018.

**3 Information technology auditor; MNLARS assessments.** Directs the Legislative Auditor to appoint an information technology auditor and specifies duties, including a MNLARS project assessments and quarterly reporting on the status of the project.

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- 4 MNLARS steering committee; quarterly funding review.** Creates a MNLARS Steering Committee.
- Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms.
- Subd. 2. MNLARS Steering Committee; membership.** Establishes the MNLARS Steering Committee and identifies composition of the committee, which is composed of six legislators (three each from the House of Representatives and the Senate).
- Subd. 3. Meetings.** Provides for co-chairs, open meeting law (including allowing for submission of written votes), and staffing by the Legislative Coordinating Commission. Requires an initial meeting by May 1, 2018, and quarterly meetings.
- Subd. 4. Committee duties.** Specifies duties for the committee, including (1) review of the proposed MNLARS project schedule, performance measures, and plans; and (2) during fiscal year 2019:
- ▶ review of quarterly progress reports;
  - ▶ review of reports from the OLA information technology auditor; and
  - ▶ recommendations on quarterly funding allotments.
- Subd. 5. Review of appropriations.** Authorizes quarterly allotment of any fiscal year 2019 appropriations for MNLARS. Establishes a process where committee members, prior to release of each allotment, can recommend delay, reduction, or conditions in authorizing each of the allotments. Delay, reduction, or additional conditions on allotment occurs if there is a majority vote for the action within a 20-day period. Provides for withdrawal of a recommendation to delay, reduce, or set conditions on an allotment. Provides for a 30-day continuation of funds for contracted technical staff.
- Subd. 6. Resubmission of proposal.** Provides explicit authority for Minnesota Management and Budget to submit legislative proposals following an allotment deferral.
- 5 REAL ID Act Extensions.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to coordinate with the governor to promptly seek extensions as available from federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act.
- 6 Expiration.** Sets an expiration on reporting and MNLARS Steering Committee provisions (in sections 2 and 4) to be on full implementation of the MNLARS project, as determined by the Steering Committee.
- 7 Severability.** Provides that if some portion of the provisions in the bill are found by a court to be invalid, the remaining portions stay in effect.