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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

According to department of children, families and learning data, about 20,000 of the state's approximately 56,000 teachers will retire in the next 10 years. A December 2000 Education Minnesota survey on teacher shortages reported that 82 percent of responding school districts had too few licensed substitute teachers, leading some districts to seek provisional licenses or waivers for other professionals with a college degree.

This bill proposes to allow retiring Minnesota public school teachers and other retiring teachers to apply for lifetime limited short-call substitute teaching licenses and exempts such teachers from continuing education requirements.

### Section

- 1 Permission to substitute teach.** (b) Allows the board of teaching to issue a lifetime qualified short-call substitute teaching license to a person who: (1) applies to the board, was a qualified teacher while holding a continuing five-year license issued by the board and receives a retirement annuity; (2) holds an out-of-state teaching license and receives a retirement annuity as a result of the person's teaching experience; or (3) held a continuing five-year license issued by the board, taught at least three years in an accredited nonpublic school in Minnesota and receives a retirement annuity as a result to the person's teaching experience. Exempts a person holding a lifetime qualified short-call substitute teaching license from having to complete continuing education clock hours. Allows a person holding this license to reapply for a continuing five-year license and requires the person to again complete continuing education clock hours one school year after receiving the continuing

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five-year license.

Makes this section effective for the 2003-2004 school year and later.