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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill makes changes in various transportation policies, including in the areas of vehicle registration, special license plates, motor vehicle dealers, title requirements for vehicles purchased for dismantling or scrap, commercial driver's licenses, and enhanced identification cards.

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- 1**      **12 uniform registration periods.** Modifies passenger vehicle registration to clarify a minimum 12-month period of registration and remove a provision on evenly spreading registrations throughout the year.
- 2**      **Exceptions.** Amends exceptions from the 12-month period of registration typically required for passenger vehicles.
- 3**      **Application; fee; penalty.** Establishes that in-transit licenses for transporting motor vehicles are available only within Minnesota and do not include registering the transporting vehicle. Makes technical changes.
- 4**      **Design.** Removes the special World War I plate and modifies the plate design for various special veterans' plates to eliminate stacked letters next to the plate's alphanumeric sequence.
- 5**      **Payment of taxes.** Modifies provisions governing trucks and buses owned by non-residents and used part of the year within Minnesota.
- 6**      **Trip permit.** Modifies requirements of a trip permit under the International Registration

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Plan (IRP) program to limit the permit to one per vehicle for a 30-day period. The IRP program is for commercial vehicle registration tax collection and proportional distribution of revenues across multiple jurisdictions (states and countries) where the vehicle is operated.

- 7 Used vehicle parts dealer.** Prohibits a used vehicle parts dealer from selling new or used motor vehicles. This category represents a license issued by the Department of Public Safety to businesses that dismantle vehicles and sell the parts and scrap.

The department issues various licenses for dealers engaged in businesses involving motor vehicle and vehicle parts sales, dismantling, and scrap processing.

- 8 Place of business.** Amends the business office requirements for a limited used vehicle licensee to include commercial office space or an automatic phone answering service.

- 9 Dealers' license; location change notice; fee.** Removes mandatory denial of a vehicle dealer license when previously denied within a year.

- 10 Older model vehicle.** Modifies requirements for a vehicle dealer who purchases, to dismantle or destroy, a motor vehicle that is six years old or older. Changes include obtaining the certificate of title or verifying vehicle ownership with the department; notifying lienholders; electronically notifying the department within 10 days; and maintaining records.

- 11 Late-model or high-value vehicle.** Modifies requirements for a vehicle dealer who purchases, to dismantle or destroy, a motor vehicle that is (1) less than years six old, or (2) has a value of at least \$5,000. Changes include obtaining the certificate of title; notifying lienholders; electronically notifying the department within 10 days; and maintaining records instead of destroying the title.

- 12 Valid medical examiner's certificate.** Modifies the definition of "medical examiner's certificate," to require that the certificate is issued by an examiner who is (1) certified by the federal agency that oversees motor carrier safety, and (2) listed in a national registry maintained by the agency. This certificate is used to confirm physical eligibility to operate commercial vehicles and is among the requirements to obtain a commercial driver's license.

- 13 [171.017] Background investigations; department employees.** Establishes mandatory criminal background checks for certain employees and job applicants in the Department of Public Safety, sets procedures for checks performed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, provides for fees to cover background checking costs, requires sharing of information about employees and applicants across criminal justice agencies, and mandates annual checks in certain circumstances following federal requirements.

- 14 Identification card for seniors.** Prevents a provision on Minnesota identification cards for persons over age 65 (which are specially marked and provided at a reduced cost) from applying for enhanced identification cards. Enhanced identification cards contain additional security features over a traditional card, and can be used in a similar manner as passports for international border crossings.

- 15 Expiration.** Prevents an enhanced identification card issued to a person age 65 or older from

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being valid for the lifetime of that person.

- 16**      **Repealer.** Repeals a provision on one-way trip permits for nonresidents to transport motor vehicles from outside the state to another point outside the state.