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Overview

The bill modifies the requirements for obtaining a driver's license or Minnesota identification card, to: (1) eliminate mandatory proof of lawful presence in the United States, (2) remove status check information inscribed on a license or identification card, and (3) make a foreign passport submitted along with a birth certificate a valid form of documentation to prove a person's identity. It also directs information to be added to the application form regarding when a social security number is required.

Section

- 1** **Contents of application; other information.** Requires an applicant for a driver's license or Minnesota identification card to attest to having a residence address in Minnesota (which is required under current administrative rules that are being repealed in section 3 of the bill). Directs the Department of Public Safety to add a clarifying statement to the application form for a license or identification card that a social security number is not required for a class D license or ID card if the person does not actually have one (and certifies it).
- 2** **Application documents.** Specifies that a foreign passport along with a birth certificate, if meeting specific conditions, is sufficient for proving identity and use in identity documentation when applying for a driver's license or Minnesota identification card.
- 3** **Repealer.** Eliminates administrative rules that require proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver's license or ID card, along with related rules governing status check information (which is included on a card to indicate an expiration date that corresponds with the end of lawful admission period), warnings and cancellations, reissuance, and fees.

Section

Eliminates rules requiring proof of residency (which is partially replaced by a similar provision in section 1 of the bill).

- 4** **Effective date.** Makes the bill effective January 1, 2016, for licenses and identification cards issued on or after that date.