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Overview

This bill (1) broadens the cases where annually mandated commercial motor vehicle inspections are valid in Minnesota, to allow for inspections performed outside the state's inspection program that conform to federal requirements for interstate commerce; and (2) eliminates a requirement that commercial motor vehicles display inspection decals that show proof of vehicle inspection. The standards that a vehicle must meet are unchanged.

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- 1 **Definitions.** Makes technical changes, to clarify a definition.
- 2 **Inspection required.** Eliminates a requirement that commercial motor vehicles either display a Department of Public Safety inspection decal or carry a certificate of compliance (issued by the department for some vehicles located out of state). It is replaced with a requirement that the vehicle carries proof of compliance with federal motor vehicle inspection requirements.
- 3 **Inspector certification; fee; suspension and revocation; hearing.** Makes technical and conforming changes, including to eliminate language that is being moved to a separate subdivision in the statute.
- 4 **Inspection standards.** Makes a technical change, to create a new subdivision for language being moved from another location in the statute.
- 5 **Inspection report.** Explicitly requires commercial vehicle inspection reports to identify whether a vehicle meets federal standards. Makes the inspection report valid for one year

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(matching the one-year validity period for inspection decals, which are being eliminated under the bill). Makes technical changes.

- 6 Record review; random inspection; audit.** Makes a conforming change.
- 7 Disposition of revenue.** Makes technical changes.
- 8 Inspection decal; certificate of compliance.** Creates a phase-out period for inspection decals and certificates of compliance, so that they remain valid for their original length. Requires refunds of excess decals purchased by authorized inspectors, until June 30, 2019.
- 9 Repealer.** Repeals requirements on vehicle inspection decals, decal fee, penalties involving altering or forging decals, as well as a provision on certificates of compliance, which are an alternative to inspection decals issued in some situations for vehicles registered in Minnesota but housed and maintained outside the state.