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### Overview

This bill contains various policy provisions proposed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). Topics include eminent domain; agency contracting powers; motor vehicle length, size, and weight limits; and trunk highway turnbacks.

#### Section

- 1 **Appoint commissioners for damages.** Requires that a person appointed by a court to review the value of takings in an eminent domain process must reside in Minnesota.
- 2 **Commissioner qualifications.** Modifies requirements on a court's inquiry into qualifications for a person appointed by the court to review the value of takings in an eminent domain process.
- 3 **Route No. 180.** Modifies the routing for a legislative route established in state statute through parts of Grant and Otter Tail counties.
- 4 **Direct negotiation.** Raises the threshold from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for maintenance or construction contracts where MnDOT can use direct negotiation instead of the competitive bidding process.
- 5 **[161.369] Indian employment preference.** Authorizes MnDOT to use an employment preference for members of Indian tribes on projects near Indian reservations.
- 6 **Automobile transporter.** Modifies length limits and backhaul authority for vehicles that transport assembled motor vehicles.

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- 7        **Conditions.** Permits a vehicle operating under an overweight permit for hauling raw or unfinished forest products to operate on a stretch of Interstate 35, as authorized under federal law.
- 8        **Certain emergency vehicles.** Establishes per-axle and gross vehicle weight limits for emergency vehicles operated on interstates, using limits established in federal law.
- 9        **Exemptions; certain manufacturers; commissioner of transportation; road maintenance.** Permits MnDOT to waive payment and performance bond requirements for direct negotiation contracts for construction or maintenance work.
- 10       **Legislative Route No. 222 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 222 following agreement between MnDOT and Red Lake County.
- 11       **Legislative Route No. 253 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 253 following agreement between MnDOT and Faribault County.
- 12       **Legislative Route No. 254 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 254 following agreement between MnDOT and Faribault County.
- 13       **Legislative Route No. 277 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 277 following agreement between MnDOT and Chippewa County.
- 14       **Legislative Route No. 298 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 298 in Faribault following agreement between MnDOT and the city of Faribault.
- 15       **Legislative Route No. 299 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 299 in Faribault following agreement between MnDOT and the city of Faribault.
- 16       **Legislative Route No. 323 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 323 in Faribault following agreement between MnDOT and the city of Faribault.