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This bill expands the driver's license agent authority for the city of New Brighton, so that its office at city hall can provide the full range of driver licensing services (including new driver's license applications and license renewals) in addition to the current limited service offerings (which are for address changes and duplicate licenses). It overrides some restrictions and requirements in administrative rules governing appointment of agents, including minimum distance from other offices, number of annual applications, impacts on existing nearby offices, and initial appointment referral to a county board.

Driver's license agents include both local units of government and private businesses, and are appointed by the Department of Public Safety to perform license-related services in offices located throughout the state. Driver's license agents are roughly equivalent to deputy registrars (who perform motor vehicle services such as titling and vehicle registration).