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Overview

This summary is for the transportation articles in the conference committee on S.F. 3656, the 2018 omnibus supplemental budget. It reflects provisions adopted as of May 17, 2018 (although the conference committee report is not finalized).

Article ...: Transportation Appropriations

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This article contains supplemental appropriations and transfers for transportation. Combined with transfers, supplemental General Fund spending totals \$57.71 million in fiscal year 2019. Other spending includes use of Trunk Highway fund balance as well as appropriations from the State Airports fund and the Minnesota rail service improvement account.

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- **Transportation appropriations.** Defines terms. Establishes that appropriations are from the general fund, unless another is named, for the agencies and purposes specified.
- **Department of Transportation.** Makes supplemental appropriations to MnDOT.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Summarizes appropriations by fund.

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Subd. 2. Aeronautics. Appropriates money for a grant for Rochester International Airport to upgrade an instrument landing system.

- **Subd. 3. Rail service improvement.** Appropriates money from the rail service improvement account for a grant to the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority for rail track rehabilitation.
- **Subd. 4. State roads.** Appropriates additional trunk highway fund money for the state trunk highway system, including: program planning and delivery with funds specified for a grant for utility relocation as well as a bridge project; state road construction for additional general purpose lanes; and Corridors of Commerce.
- **Subd. 5. Local roads.** Appropriates additional money for local road and bridge assistance, including the Small Cities Assistance program, town roads, and local bridges.
- **Subd. 6. Transfer; rail service improvement.** Transfers funds in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the rail service improvement account, which funds the Minnesota Rail Service Improvement (MRSI) program.
- **Metropolitan Council.** Allocates funds to suburban transit providers for suburb-to-suburb transit capital improvements.
- **Department of Public Safety.** Makes supplemental appropriations and provides for transfers related to the Department of Public Safety. Effective June 1, 2018.
 - **Subd. 1. Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS).** Appropriates funds for MNLARS for fiscal year 2019, with a base in fiscal year 2020 to be used for the FAST Enterprise contract.
 - **Subd. 2. Cancellation and Transfer.** Directs Minnesota Management and Budget to cancel \$1.9 million in fiscal year 2018 appropriations to the Department of Public Safety and by July 1, 2018, transfer the money to the technology account used for MNLARS development. Specifies areas for which funding cannot be canceled.
 - **Subdivisions 3, 4, and 5. Transfers.** Transfers Driver and Vehicle Services account balances into equivalent accounts in a new Driver and Vehicle Services fund (being established in the bill).
- 5 **Department of Management and Budget.** Appropriates funds to Minnesota Management and Budget for deputy registrar reimbursement aid (see section 10 of this article).
- **Multimodal systems.** Modifies a 2017 appropriation for a Civil Air Patrol training and maintenance facility, to add flexibility regarding the facility, eliminate a local match requirement, and extends the availability of funds by one year.
- 7 Total appropriation. Makes conforming changes.
- Administration and related services. Eliminates a Highway User Tax Distribution fund appropriation for fiscal year 2019 to the Department of Public Safety for public safety support functions. Makes conforming changes, to update the source of funds for some appropriations.

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9 Driver and vehicle services. Makes conforming changes.

- **Deputy registrar reimbursements.** Establishes reimbursement aid to deputy registrars, including specifying a formula and calculation methods for aid distribution. Distribution is largely based on proportional shares of transactions handled by the deputy registrars, measured based on instances of filing fees collection:
 - ▶ 10 percent of the aid is distributed equally across the office locations.
 - ▶ 45 percent of the aid is distributed based on each deputy registrar's proportional share of transactions over most of fiscal year 2018.
 - ▶ 45 percent of the aid is distributed based on each deputy registrar's proportional share of transactions over fiscal years 2015-2017. An average share is used for deputy registrars that have not been in operation over that entire time period.

Article ...: Transportation Policy

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This article contains various transportation policy and finance provisions.

- Certain transit financial activity reporting. Changes the frequency (from quarterly to twice a year) of a review of the Metropolitan Council's transportation financial records by the legislative auditor. Eliminates reporting on the Counties Transit Improvement Board. Has the provision expire in 2023. Effective June 1, 2018.
- 2 Metropolitan Council special transportation service. Identifies a cross reference in the Data Practices Act on data sharing between the Department of Human Services and the Metropolitan Council in order to administer and coordinate special transportation services.
- **Motor vehicle registration.** Identifies a cross reference in the Data Practices Act on vehicle registration data.
- 4 Transportation service data. Allows disclosure of private data on individuals between the Department of Human Services and the Metropolitan Council in order to administer and coordinate special transportation services between the agencies.
- Metropolitan area transit account. Limits spending authority of the Metropolitan Council for funds in the metropolitan area transit account, to be permitted only for system operating expenditures. Effective June 1, 2018.
- 6 Unfair practices by manufacturers, distributors, factory branches. Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers and distributors from charging back or withholding payment to a vehicle dealer due to unreasonable Department of Public Safety delays in vehicle registration or transfer. The dealer must give the manufacturer written notice, documentation, and an attestation regarding the delay. This provision expires June 30, 2021.
- **Bikeway.** Centralizes bicycle-related definitions.

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8 **Powers of political subdivision.** Prevents a local unit of government from creating a bikeway route that eliminates or moves a designated disability parking space. Effective the day after enactment.

- 9 Rural agricultural business or tourist oriented business. Broadens the hours of operation conditions under a MnDOT sign program, to authorize signs for a farm winery that provides a staffed food operation and is open at least four hours a day, two days a week.
- 10 Route No. 180. Modifies the routing for a legislative route established in state statute through parts of Grant and Otter Tail counties.
- 11 Trooper Ray Krueger Memorial Highway. Memorializes Ray Krueger by designating the stretch of Trunk Highway 210 in Cass County as "Trooper Ray Krueger Memorial Highway."
- 12 Warrant Officer Dennis A. Groth Memorial Bridge. Memorializes Warrant Officer Dennis A. Groth by designating a bridge on U.S. Highway 52 in Dakota County as the "Warrant Officer Dennis A. Groth Memorial Bridge."
- 13 **Specialist Noah Pierce Bridge.** Memorializes Specialist Noah Pierce by designating a bridge on U.S. Highway 53 in Eveleth as "Specialist Noah Pierce Bridge."
- 14 **Direct negotiation.** Raises the limit from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for maintenance or construction contracts in which MnDOT can use direct negotiation instead of being required to use the competitive bidding process.
- 15 Passenger automobile; hearse. Authorizes a vehicle dealer to determine the value of a new motor vehicle used for registration tax calculation, based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price. Requires retention of the label or price documentation.
- 16 **Listing by dealers.** Permits vehicle dealers to withhold payment on registration tax already due for vehicles that the dealer holds for sale or demonstration, without a lien going onto the vehicle for nonpayment of the tax.
- **17** Collector military vehicle. Allows for some former military vehicles to be registered and operated as general motor vehicles for on-road use. The provision applies to decommissioned military vehicles for which a civilian model having the same size and weight was also manufactured and sold (which includes a Humvee).
- 18 Failure to submit within ten days. Makes a conforming and clarifying change, related to deputy registrar authority to accept mailed applications for registration or title transfer.
- 19 Filing registration applications. Makes a conforming change.
- 20 **Fee.** Allows deputy registrars to process fleet registration transactions and collect the filing fee. (The fee amount is unchanged.) Effective July 1, 2019.
- Multiple licenses. Allows a company that holds multiple types of dealer licenses (for 21 instance, as a new motor vehicle dealer and a used motor vehicle dealer) to hold and sell vehicles across its dealership locations without needing to transfer title or ownership.
- 22 Designated dealer title and registration liaison. Directs the Department of Public Safety to designate a liaison for vehicle dealers.

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- 23 **Late fee.** Eliminates a \$2 late fee for title transfers from vehicle dealers.
- 24 Expedited driver and vehicle services; fee. Directs the Department of Public Safety to implement expedited services and allow deputy registrars and driver's license agents to handle the requests. Effective November 1, 2019.
- 25 **Electronic transmission.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to create standards that allow for vehicle dealers to use third-party software that can electronically submit title transfers and vehicle registrations to the department.
- 26 **Transactions by mail.** Authorizes deputy registrars to handle mailed in vehicle registration and titling work. Effective July 1, 2019.
- 27 **Lessees**; information. Allows the Department of Public Safety to provide information about vehicle lessees to trade associations for motor fuel retailers, if the association is acting on behalf of a retailer who had fuel taken without payment.
- 28 Vehicle registration data; federal compliance. Prevents the Department of Public Safety from restricting the sharing of motor vehicle data under some specified situations in which it is permitted to be shared under federal law. The ban on restricting data disclosure includes using data in connection to motor vehicle safety, product alterations, performance monitoring, or motor vehicle market research; verifying accuracy of personal information; notifying towed or impounded vehicle owners; and if the subject of the data has provided consent.
- 29 **Application for certificate of title.** Allows for some former military vehicles to be titled for on-road use. The provision applies to decommissioned military vehicles for which a civilian model having the same size and weight was also manufactured and sold (which includes a Humvee).
- **30 Issuance of certificate by deputy registrar.** Permits deputy registrars to issue original certificates of title.
- 31 Owner's interest terminated or vehicle sold by secured party. Broadens a provision on procedures for changing vehicle ownership due to actions taken by a secured party (i.e., a lender or other party that holds legal rights over the vehicle), to provide for powers of assignees of the secured party.
- **32 Salvage titles.** Broadens the situations when a salvage title must be obtained for a motor vehicle, to apply to all vehicles regardless of age or value. Under current law, a salvage title is only required in some cases involving vehicles classified as "late-model" (vehicles five years old or newer) or "high-value" (vehicles worth over \$9,000 before being damaged, or older vehicles having a gross weight of over 26,000 pounds).
- 33 **Notice of perfection by dealer.** Authorizes vehicle dealers to provide a statement to secured parties for a vehicle (such as lenders) that title application with the security interest was properly provided to the Department of Public Safety.
- 34 Motor vehicle title transfer and registration advisory committee. Creates a Motor Vehicle Title Transfer and Registration Advisory Committee for the Department of Public Safety.

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Subd. 1. Establishment; purposes. Creates the advisory committee and outlines its advisory scope.

- **Subd. 2. Members.** Identifies membership on the committee, including four legislators and representatives from dealers and deputy registrars.
- **Subd. 3. Organization.** Provides for convening the committee, requires election of a committee chair, and directs the committee to meet at least twice annually.
- **Subd. 4. Open meetings.** Makes the committee subject to open meeting law. Addresses committee meeting locations and enforcement of open meeting requirements.
 - **Subd. 5. Staff.** Directs department staff to support the committee.
- **Subd. 6. Duties.** Identifies committee duties, including advising the department leadership and making recommendations on policy and planning.
- **Subd. 7. Report and recommendations.** Requires an annual legislative report on activities of the committee. The first report is due by February 15, 2019.
 - **Subd. 8. Expiration.** Makes the committee expires June 30, 2021.
- **Amounts.** Makes technical changes, to remove language on fees and technology surcharges that have expired.
- **Bicycle lane.** Establishes that bicycle lanes are part of the roadway (that is, the main traveled portion of a road) and not a shoulder (the contiguous portion of the road that is not traveled upon).
- **Bikeway.** Broadens a definition of "bikeway" for the chapter of statutes on traffic regulations.
- **Railroad train.** Broadens a definition of "railroad train" in the chapter of statutes on traffic regulations, to include on-track rail equipment and other rolling stock that activates automatic warning systems. This has the effect (in conjunction with conforming changes) of adding motorist stopping requirements at railroad crossings when some on-track rail equipment is present.
- **Zoning within local area.** Allows MnDOT, at the request of a county board, to establish a speed limit in excess of 55 m.p.h., based on an engineering study. The county engineer must erect signs. Effective June 1, 2018.
- **Passing.** Requires clearance when passing a bicycle of at least three feet or half of a vehicle's width, whichever is greater, unless passing in a separate lane. Makes technical changes, to modernize language.
- **Laned highway.** Allows semis and other similarly large vehicles to deviate from the driving lane when approaching and going through a roundabout. Makes technical changes.
- **Slow-moving vehicle.** Sets a minimum fine of \$100 (in addition to the \$75 court surcharge) for operating a vehicle below the speed of traffic in the left driving lane. This does not apply if the vehicle is passing another vehicle, is preparing for a left turn, or is preparing to exit a

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controlled access highway via a left side exit, or if a specific lane is designated for a specific type of traffic.

- Passing parked emergency vehicle; citation; probable cause. Requires a driver to slow down to a reasonable speed while passing a stopped emergency vehicle with its lights on, if it is not possible to move to another lane or when passing the vehicle on a road that only has one lane in the motorist's direction of travel. Effective August 1, 2018.
- 44 Passing certain parked vehicles. Requires a driver to slow down to a reasonable speed while passing a stopped some types of official vehicles (including tow trucks, road maintenance, utility, and road construction vehicles) with its lights on, if it is not possible to move to another lane or when passing the vehicle on a road that only has one lane in the motorist's direction of travel. Effective August 1, 2018.
- **Roundabouts.** Provides for right-of-way when two semis or other similarly large vehicles drive through a roundabout at the same time, so that the driver of the vehicle on the right must yield to the vehicle on the left.
- Traffic laws apply. Clarifies that bicyclists operating on a shoulder have the same rights and duties as when operating on the road generally. Makes a technical change, to reproduce language on sidewalk and crosswalk operating authority that is being moved from another subdivision in the statute.
- **Riding rules.** Permits bicyclists to proceed straight through an intersection from a right-hand turn lane, and allows the bicyclist to situate the bike anywhere in the lane (not just farthest to the right). Makes technical changes, including to eliminate language that is being moved to another subdivision in the statute.
- **Requirements.** Makes a conforming change on stopping for on-track rail equipment at rail grade crossings.
- **Certain vehicles to stop at railroad crossing.** Makes a conforming change on stopping for on-track rail equipment at rail grade crossings.
- **Crossing railroad tracks with certain equipment.** Makes a conforming change on stopping for on-track rail equipment at rail grade crossings.
- White strobe lamps on certain buses transporting children. Makes technical changes.
- **Supplemental warning system.** Authorizes school buses to be equipped with supplemental flashing lights or electronic signs that are approved by the Department of Public Safety.
- **Restrictions on appearance; misdemeanor.** Makes conforming and technical changes.
- **Colors.** Broadens the permissible colors for the rub rails running around a school bus, to allow them to be yellow (which is in addition to black).
- **Identification.** Authorizes use of a changeable electronic message sign instead of specified static text on the rear of a school bus, if it is used in conjunction with school bus warning and stop lighting and is an approved supplemental warning system.
- Supplemental warning system; temporary authority. Permits the Department of Public Safety to approve school buses to be equipped with supplemental flashing lights or changeable electronic message signs. The authority expires August 1, 2021 (buses previously

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approved to be equipped can continue to use the system). Specifies considerations for granting approval and requires research and consultation with stakeholders.

- Lights or reflectors required. Makes technical changes. (The language being stricken is substantially reproduced in other sections of statutes.)
- **Maintenance.** Makes technical changes. (The language being stricken is substantially reproduced in another section of statutes.)
- Flashing lights; glaring lights. Makes conforming and technical changes, including to centralize restrictions on flashing and glaring lights.
- White light. Makes conforming, technical, and clarifying changes, to create a centralized provision on when a vehicle can display white lights. (This includes language being reproduced from another section of statutes.)
- **Strobe lamp.** Modifies the minimum intensity of authorized strobe lamps on vehicles to be based on an engineering standard produced by SAE International, instead of referencing a candela measure of light output. Makes technical changes.
- Manner of loading. Establishes that it is not an unsecured load if a vehicle hauling thawing unprocessed sugar beets leaks liquid. Makes technical changes. Effective June 1, 2018.
- **Automobile transporter.** Modifies length limits and backhaul authority for vehicles that transport assembled motor vehicles, including allowing loads that extends four feet or less in front of the vehicle and six feet or less in the rear.
- **Conditions.** Permits a vehicle operating under an overweight permit for hauling raw or unfinished forest products to operate on a stretch of Interstate 35 between Carlton County and St. Louis County, as authorized under federal law.
- **Certain emergency vehicles.** Establishes per-axle and gross vehicle weight limits for emergency vehicles operated on interstates, using limits established in federal law.
- **Sewage septic tank trucks.** Provides for some adjusted and exempted motor vehicle weight limits for sewage septic tank trucks that exclusively haul sewage from septic or holding tanks, including a year-round ten percent weight limit increase for single-unit trucks. Allows for operation without a special permit. Effective June 1, 2018.
- Recycling and garbage vehicles. Broadens an exemption from vehicle weight limits (and associated criminal penalties) imposed (1) by local units of government for roads under their respective jurisdiction, and (2) under spring load restrictions. The exemption applies to sewage septic tank trucks that exclusively haul sewage from septic or holding tanks. Makes technical changes. Effective June 1, 2018.
- **Suspension of driver's license.** Prohibits the Department of Public Safety from resuspending a person's driver's license based on the failure to appear in court after receiving a citation for a petty misdemeanor or for driving after suspension.
- **Restricted license for farm work.** Allows an individual to use a restricted license for farm work on any type of farm, regardless of how it is legally established. Expands the allowed operation radius from the farmhouse, to be 40 miles instead of 20 miles. Effective June 1, 2018.

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- **Fees.** Makes technical changes, to remove language on a technology surcharge that has expired.
- 71 Commissioner shall suspend. Prohibits the suspension of a person's driver's license following a conviction only for driving after suspension or driving after revocation.
- **Failure to pay fine.** Prohibits suspension of a person's driver's license based solely on the fact that the person failed to pay a traffic ticket, parking fine, or surcharge.
- Offenses. Allows suspension of a person's license when the person has eight unpaid parking tickets within a year, or ten unpaid parking tickets within two years. Prohibits suspending the driver's license of a person who is convicted of driving after suspension or revocation.
- **Legislative report.** Removes a directive that MnDOT submit a report on the Transportation Economic Development (TED) program, if no funds were granted in the previous 24 months.
- 75 [174.13] Tribal training program; costs. Requires MnDOT to charge other agencies for the costs of that agency's participation in MnDOT's tribal training program.
- **Continuation of carrier rules.** Makes a conforming change.
- 77 [219.085] Operation of on-track equipment. Requires operators of equipment running on rail that does not trigger grade crossing warning systems to use due care at the crossing.
- Hours of service exemptions; agricultural purposes. Broadens the harvest season to be year-round for an hours of service exemption in *intrastate* transportation of agricultural commodities and farm supplies within a 150-air mile radius. Clarifies that the exemption covers all hours of service regulations (which includes electronic logging device rules).
- **Hours of service exemptions; utility construction.** Creates an exemption from hours of service requirements for *intrastate* transportation of utility construction materials within a 50-air mile radius from a project site.
- **Hours of service of driver.** Incorporates a federal exemption into state statute and establishes a year-round harvest season, which has the effect of applying a federal exemption from federal hours of service rules in Minnesota for *interstate* transportation throughout the year.
- **Order.** Eliminates the authority of MnDOT to issue commissioner's orders regarding tariffs (i.e., lists of rates and terms for specified services) and accounting.
- **Amount of penalty; considerations.** Eliminates the authority of MnDOT to assess administrative penalties for motor carrier violations related to tariffs and accounting requirements. Makes technical changes.
- **Registration, insurance, and filing requirements.** Makes a conforming change.
- **Tariff maintenance and contents.** Narrows a provision on household goods mover tariffs (i.e., lists of rates and terms for specified services) to eliminate a requirement that tariffs must be filed with and reviewed by MnDOT. Identifies required content of the tariff, by reference to federal law.

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- **Tariff availability.** Sets requirements on accessing household goods mover tariffs, including maintaining tariffs at places of business and making the tariffs available for public inspection.
- **86** Compensation fixed by schedule on file. Makes technical and conforming changes.
- Highway user tax distribution fund use limitation. Prohibits the Department of Public Safety from using money from the highway user tax distribution fund to pay for the public information center.
- **88** [299A.704] Driver and vehicle services fund. Creates a new Driver and Vehicles Services (DVS) fund in the state treasury that holds the operating and technology accounts related to Driver and Vehicle Services.
- **Driver and vehicle services accounts.** Moves driver and vehicle services operating and technology accounts into the new DVS fund being created. Requires annual reporting on the driver and vehicle services information technology project. Makes technical changes.
- **Comprehensive plan.** Defines "comprehensive plan" for the chapter of statutes on aeronautics by cross-reference to county and municipal planning and zoning statutes. Effective August 1, 2018.
- **Creation; authorized disbursements.** Allows for state airports fund expenditures for municipal airport planning and permits municipalities to receive assistance from the fund even if its comprehensive plan is incompatible with the state aviation plan. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- Authority to establish. States that airport operation and maintenance is an essential public service. Allows MnDOT to fund airport safety projects to maintain existing infrastructure regardless of a zoning authority's efforts to complete zoning, but otherwise requires funds be withheld from the airport unless it is proceeding with or has completed an airport zoning ordinance. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date
- **Air transportation service.** Requires MnDOT to charge users of agency provided air transportation services for the capital costs of the aircraft, including for aircraft acquisition, replacement, or leasing. Establishes a new account for the revenue. Makes technical changes.
- Airport hazard prevention; protecting existing land uses. Narrows provisions on what constitutes airport hazards based on existing land uses around the airport. Modifies prevention of airport hazards and airport lighting to be essential public services, not just public purposes. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- **Enforcement under police power.** Provides for municipal zoning regulation in airport hazard areas (that is, areas where an aircraft takeoff or landing hazards might be established), broadening the geographic area that can be regulated by removing the specific distance limitations. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- Joint airport zoning board. Makes technical and conforming changes, to cross-reference proposed airport zoning regulation standards being established in the bill. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- **Comprehensive regulations.** Requires inclusion in the municipal comprehensive plan any airport zoning regulations that apply to the same area as a municipal plan does. It is

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permissive under current law. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.

- **Notice of proposed zoning regulations, hearing.** Specifies procedures for notice of proposed zoning regulations in newspapers, on websites, and by mail. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- [360.0655] Airport zoning regulations based on commissioner's standards; submission process. Establishes a process for political subdivisions to adopt airport zoning regulations using standards prescribed by MnDOT, including specifying MnDOT review and subsequent revision procedures, permitting more stringent local ordinances, preserving substantive rights from before August 1, 2018, and providing for protection of existing uses. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- [360.0656] Custom airport zoning standards. Provides an alternative zoning process (to the previous section) that allows custom regulations by a local government. Specifies the factors that must be addressed in the custom regulations. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- **Reasonableness.** Eliminates a nonexclusive list of considerations in determining reasonableness of airport zoning regulations. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- **Federal no hazard determination.** Permits a custom regulation to allow a structure or tree higher than otherwise allowed if the Federal Aviation Administration has analyzed it and determined it does not pose a hazard, require a change in operations, or require mitigation that cannot be accomplished. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- Membership. Allows for staggered initial appointments of a zoning board of adjustments. For the MAC, provides that the commission chair, not the commission as whole, makes the appointments. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- **Zoning required.** Similar to a previous section, allows MnDOT to fund airport safety projects to maintain existing infrastructure regardless of a zoning authority's efforts to complete zoning, but otherwise prohibits funding unless the municipality, county, or joint airport zoning board is proceeding on with zoning. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- **Airport safety zone** (county planning law). Adds a definition of "airport safety zone" to the county planning and zoning statute.
- Comprehensive plan (county planning law). Requires a county to consider the location and dimensions of airport safety zones in its comprehensive plans, as well as consider any improvements identified in the airport's layout plan. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- Comprehensive plans in Greater Minnesota; open space (county planning law). Adds to the goals of county plans in Greater Minnesota, so that the plan encourages land uses in airport safety zones that are compatible with safe airport operation. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.

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In district zoning, maps (county planning law). Requires county zoning maps to include airport safety zones. Effective August 1, 2018, for maps created or updated on or after that date.

- **Airport safety zone** (municipal planning law). Adds a definition of "airport safety zone" to the municipal planning and zoning statute by cross-reference to the county planning and zoning statute.
- **Preparation and review** (municipal planning law). Requires a municipality to consider the location and dimensions of airport safety zones in its plans, as well as to consider any improvements identified in the airport's layout plan. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- Airport safety zones on zoning maps (municipal planning law). Requires municipal zoning maps to include airport safety zones. Effective August 1, 2018, for maps created or updated on or after that date.
- **Development goals and objectives** (municipal planning law). Adds to the goals of municipal plans in Greater Minnesota, so that the plan encourages land uses in airport safety zones that are compatible with safe airport operation. Effective August 1, 2018, for runway-related changes on or after that date.
- Budget changes or variances; reports. Directs the Metropolitan Council to provide quarterly reports to the legislature on any changes or variances it has from its adopted budget. Effective June 1, 2018.
- Overview of revenues and expenditures; forecast. Requires the Metropolitan Council to develop a financial overview and forecast in conjunction with the state forecasts in November and February. Specifies financial overview content. The council must review the information with the legislature within two weeks of each forecast.
- Budget assumptions. Directs the Metropolitan Council to do the following as part of its budget submission to the legislature: (1) identify the budget assumptions used to prepare the submission; (2) provide copies of any reports or applications that were submitted to the Federal Transit Administration and identify the assumptions made in those reports and applications; and (3) explain the impact of the identified assumptions on the Council's forecast.
- **Duties of the council.** Modifies the required coverage area for the Metropolitan Council's Metro Mobility service area, which has the effect of adding Lakeville.
- Data practices. Specifies what data may be shared between the Department of Human Services and the Metropolitan Council for purposes of administering and coordinating special transportation services. Requires the data subject, when applying for or renewing eligibility to use special transportation services to give consent prior to data sharing. Provides for individual opt-out from the data sharing.
- **Operating costs.** Defines operating costs of light rail transit for a provision on state share of the costs.
- Capital costs. Prevents state funds from being used for light rail transit capital costs, which applies for funds encumbered on or after June 1, 2018.

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Legislative report. Requires the Metropolitan Council, as part of its legislative report on transit finance in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, to identify and explain assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the report.

- Employees, others, affirmative action; prevailing wage. Allows the Metropolitan Airports Commission to set employee and consultant salaries in excess of the general salary limits for political subdivisions.
- 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.
- **Pilot program evaluation.** Modifies the due date and recipients for a legislative report on a pilot program (which is being extended in the next section).
- **Expiration.** Extends an expiration date from 2021 to 2024 for a pilot program that allows for community destination signs in Two Harbors.
- **Editing MNLARS transactions.** Requires the Department of Public Safety to ensure that deputy registrars are able to edit specified transactions in MNLARS. Effective July 1, 2019.
- Motor vehicle title issuance; deputy registrars. Directs the Department of Public Safety to authorize deputy registrars to issue original certificates of title, which must begin by August 1, 2019.
- Legislative Route No. 180 turnback; speed limit. Requires the speed limit to remain at 60 miles per hour on any portion of Trunk Highway 54 in Grant County that MnDOT turns over to become under the jurisdiction of the county. Effective June 1, 2018.
- **Legislative Route No. 222 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 222 following agreement between MnDOT and Red Lake County.
- **Legislative Route No. 253 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 253 following agreement between MnDOT and Faribault County.
- **Legislative Route No. 254 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 254 following agreement between MnDOT and Faribault County.
- **Legislative Route No. 277 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 277 following agreement between MnDOT and Chippewa County.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- Department of Transportation loan conversion and lien release. Directs MnDOT to convert the outstanding balance on a loan made to Minnesota Commercial Railway to become a grant, cancel all future payment, and release liens on two locomotives established as part of the loan.

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Northstar corridor extension; negotiations. Directs MnDOT to contact BNSF Railway to commence negotiations on an extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail line to go to St. Cloud. Specifies conditions and aspects of the negotiations, including on frequency of service, train crews, fare collection, and limitations on use of state funds and state expenditures for operating costs.

- Northstar Commuter Rail operating costs; exception. Permits the Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority to expend reserve funds on Northstar Commuter Rail operations. The authority expires January 1, 2021.
- Marked Interstate Highway 35 signs. Instructs MnDOT to post signs on I-35 directing motorists to the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind. Specifies related requirements.
- Marked Interstate Highway 494 corridors of commerce project modification. Amends the Corridors of Commerce project selected in 2018 on Interstate 494, to require adding general purpose lanes instead of MnPASS lanes.
- Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Advisory Committee; First Appointments; First Meeting. Requires appointments to the Motor Vehicle Title Transfer and Registration Advisory Committee to be made by September 15, 2018, and the first meeting to take place by November 1, 2018.
- **Public awareness campaign.** Requires the Department of Public Safety to conduct a public awareness campaign to increase knowledge about slow-moving traffic in left-hand lanes.
- Retroactive license reinstatement. Requires the Department of Public Safety to make an individual's driver's license eligible for reinstatement if that license is suspended based on a conviction for driving after suspension or revocation, failure to pay a fee or fine, or both. Provides a process by which a person may have his or her license reinstated. Effective April 1, 2019.
- 143 Commercial driver's license federal regulation waiver request. Directs the Department of Public Safety to request a federal waiver from a school bus endorsement requirement on a driver's license in order to deliver a purchased bus.
- **Revisor's instructions.** Provides technical direction to the Revisor of Statutes. Paragraph (a) makes a conforming change to centralize bicycle-related definitions. Paragraph (b) makes a conforming change to update references to the driver and vehicle services accounts.
- **Repealer**. Repeals various sections in conjunction with other provisions in the bill.
 - Paragraph (a) repeals language on technology surcharges that have expired.
 - Paragraph (b) repeals provisions on the administrative process for household goods mover tariffs filed with MnDOT.
 - Paragraph (c) repeals provisions related to airport zoning and planning, including language being replaced in the bill.