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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 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 on or 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** **Expiration.** Extends the expiration date of a MnDOT advisory committee on nonmotorized transportation, to be June 30, 2022. The committee is set to expire in 2018.
- 10** **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.
- 11** **Legislative Route No. 222 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 222 following agreement between MnDOT and Red Lake County.
- 12** **Legislative Route No. 253 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 253 following agreement between MnDOT and Faribault County.
- 13** **Legislative Route No. 254 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 254 following agreement between MnDOT and Faribault County.
- 14** **Legislative Route No. 277 removed.** Provides for a county turnback of Trunk Highway 277 following agreement between MnDOT and Chippewa County.
- 15** **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.
- 16** **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.
- 17** **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.