

Subject Transportation policy

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Overview

This bill contains a variety of transportation policy provisions.

Background. The bill largely reflects provisions that had been adopted in a 2022 supplemental budget conference committee for H.F. 4293. (The legislative session adjourned before a conference committee agreement was finalized.)

Relative to the 2022 language, the bill: excludes some provisions, such as proposals that were enacted separately as well as an article involving the Independent Expert Review; makes modifications, such as to shift effective dates and centralize a license plate reporting requirement; and makes technical changes.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Data security; account; appropriation. Creates a statutory appropriation from the data security account in the special revenue fund to the legislative auditor to oversee security of data stored and transmitted by state systems. Eliminates specified review and reporting requirements.
2	Micromobility facilities. Allows cities to locate micromobility facilities in the right-of-way of a public highway in certain circumstances.
3	Route No. 340. Establishes a new statutorily designated trunk highway segment from Upper Sioux Management State Park to near Granite Falls. (This is in conjunction with a project to reroute Trunk Highway 67.)

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4	Money needs defined. Includes, in the calculation of “money needs” for each county’s county state-aid highway system, segments under the jurisdiction of that county but located outside of its borders.
5	Money needs defined. Includes, in the calculation of “money needs” for each city’s municipal state-aid street system, segments under the jurisdiction of that city but located outside of its borders.
6	Screening board. Revises requirements for cities to submit data on money needs to a screening board (as part of the process for allocation of municipal state-aid street funds). Adds to the composition of the screening board. Makes technical changes.
7	Veterans; special plates. Establishes a special license plate for a veteran who is the recipient of the Air Medal. Makes conforming and technical changes, including to establish separate subdivisions for different plate designs. Effective January 1, 2024.
8	General requirements; fees. (Veterans service group special plates.) Broadens eligibility for congressionally chartered veterans service group special plates, to include members of Disabled American Veterans.
9	No fee. (Gold Star special plate.) Eliminates a \$100 fee to personalize Gold Star special license plates.
10	[Adds § 168.1259] Minnesota professional sports team foundation special plates. Establishes Minnesota professional sports team foundation special license plates. Effective January 1, 2024.
11	[Adds § 168.1287] Minnesota missing and murdered Indigenous relatives special plates. Establishes Minnesota missing and murdered Indigenous relatives special license plates. Effective January 1, 2024.
12	Applicability. Makes a conforming change.

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13	Legislative report. Requires the Department of Public Safety to submit an annual legislative report on special license plates where a contribution is required.
14	Dealers' licenses; location change notice; fee. Directs the Department of Public Safety to deny an application for a vehicle dealer's license if the place of business requirements are not met or if there is a misrepresentation that is grounds for a dealer's license suspension or revocation.
15	Records. Requires a vehicle dealer to make vehicle records available for inspection during identified inspection hours rather than business hours.
16	Micromobility device. Defines a "micromobility device" in the chapter of statutes governing traffic regulations.
17	Forest products special permit. Creates a new special permit type that allows for both overweight and over-width transport of raw or unfinished forest products. Makes technical changes.
18	Definition. (Farm products special permit.) Adds raw or processed grass seed to the definition of qualifying agricultural products for a farm products special permit for overweight vehicles. Effective the day after enactment.
19	Special registration plates. Eliminates driver's license possession requirements to obtain special series license plates (known as "whiskey" plates) after the original plates were impounded.
20	Evidence; residence in Minnesota. Explicitly identifies internet service bills as accepted documentation of utility service that can be used to demonstrate residence in the state as part of the application for a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card.
21	Veteran designation. Revises the requirements to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card, to allow it for additional service members and amend documentation of status. Removes obsolete language.

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22	<p>Issuance of restricted license.</p> <p>Modifies a requirement for some ignition interlock program participants to provide certification of noncancelable insurance, so that the certification is required following driver’s license revocations (in addition to suspensions and cancellations) for failure to have or provide proof of insurance.</p>
23	<p>Pavement life-cycle cost analysis.</p> <p>Amends the requirements relating to pavement life-cycle cost analyses. Requires MnDOT to perform a life-cycle cost analysis for certain projects. Effective July 1, 2025.</p>
24	<p>Money penalty.</p> <p>Revises the maximum civil penalty for violations of pipeline safety regulations, to use the maximums established in federal law.</p>
25	<p>Civil penalty.</p> <p>Revises the maximum civil penalty for failure to report a pipeline release or dispose of part of a pipeline following a release, to use the maximums established in federal law.</p>
26	<p>Disclosure requirements.</p> <p>Makes a technical change.</p>
27	<p>Small unmanned aircraft systems.</p> <p>Revises the aircraft registration fee and minimum insurance coverage requirements for small unmanned aircraft systems, including to substantially reproduce language being moved from another statute.</p>
28	<p>Certificate of insurance.</p> <p>Removes an exemption and requirements related to small unmanned aircraft system insurance, which is substantially reproduced in another statute.</p>
29	<p>Safe accessibility training.</p> <p>Directs the Metropolitan Council to ensure that Metro Transit and opt-out bus operators receive training on providing assistance to persons with disabilities and mobility limitations in safely entering and exiting a transit bus. Effective the day after enactment.</p>
30	<p>Study on post-COVID pandemic public transportation.</p> <p>Amends the funding source for a study on post-COVID pandemic public transportation so that the Metropolitan Council is directed to pay for the study out of</p>

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	existing resources. Revises the due date to be November 1, 2024. Effective the day after enactment.
31	Legislative Route No. 274 removed. Provides for a route turnback, by eliminating the statutory designation of Trunk Highway 274 from Wood Lake to south of Granite Falls. The repeal is subject to an agreement with Yellow Medicine County to transfer jurisdiction of a segment of the highway. (This is in conjunction with a project to reroute Trunk Highway 67.)
32	Legislative Route No. 301 removed. Provides for a route turnback, by eliminating the statutory designation of Trunk Highway 301 in St. Cloud. The repeal is subject to an agreement with the city of St. Cloud to transfer jurisdiction of the road.
33	Repealer. Eliminates an administrative rule that requires transit operators receiving aid from MnDOT to provide monthly operations and financial reporting as well as a final report within 90 days of the end of the contract period.



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