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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; providing for motor vehicle registration overpayment
1.3 reimbursement; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. VEHICLE REGISTRATION OVERPAYMENT; REIMBURSEMENT;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Vehicle registration transaction data; reimbursement eligibility. (a)
1.8 On or before November 1, 2018, the commissioner of public safety must compile and analyze
1.9 all motor vehicle registration transactions that occurred from July 24, 2017, to October 31,
1.10 2018, to determine whether the amount of registration taxes and fees actually paid by the
1.11 motor vehicle owner for each transaction exceeded the amount required for the transaction
1.12 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

1.13 (b) The commissioner of public safety must keep a contemporaneous record of motor
1.14 vehicle registration transactions that occur from November 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, to
1.15 determine whether the amount of registration taxes and fees actually paid by the motor
1.16 vehicle owner for each transaction exceed the amount required for the transaction under
1.17 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

1.18 (c) A motor vehicle owner identified under paragraph (a) or (b) as having overpaid
1.19 vehicle registration taxes or fees is eligible for reimbursement under subdivision 3.

1.20 (d) The commissioner must (1) submit a summary of the data collected under this
1.21 subdivision to the MNLARS Steering Committee established under Laws 2018, chapter
1.22 101, section 4, as part of the progress reporting required under Laws 2018, chapter 101,

2.1 section 2, subdivision 3; and (2) make the data available to the public as provided under
2.2 subdivision 2.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Public outreach; call center.** On or before November 1, 2018, the commissioner
2.4 of public safety must begin making public outreach efforts to inform motor vehicle owners
2.5 regarding the possibility of vehicle registration tax and fee overpayment. At a minimum,
2.6 public outreach under this section must include the establishment of a dedicated telephone
2.7 number staffed by Department of Public Safety employees that allows a motor vehicle
2.8 owner to determine whether the motor vehicle registration taxes and fees the owner paid
2.9 for a vehicle registration transaction exceeded the amount required to be paid under
2.10 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168, and whether the owner is eligible for reimbursement under
2.11 subdivision 3.

2.12 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement amount; calculation; payment.** (a) The commissioner of
2.13 public safety must establish a reimbursement calculation to refund or credit motor vehicle
2.14 owners that overpaid the motor vehicle taxes and fees for a vehicle registration transaction,
2.15 as identified by the analysis performed under subdivision 1. On or before February 1, 2019,
2.16 the commissioner of public safety must submit the reimbursement calculation to the
2.17 MNLARS Steering Committee and to the house of representatives and senate committees
2.18 having jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance for review.

2.19 (b) On or before June 1, 2019, the commissioner must begin making reimbursement
2.20 payments, as calculated under paragraph (a), to eligible motor vehicle owners identified
2.21 under subdivision 1 as having overpaid the motor vehicle taxes and fees for a vehicle
2.22 registration transaction.

2.23 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** \$..... in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund
2.24 to the commissioner of public safety to pay reimbursements under subdivision 3. The
2.25 commissioner of public safety may use up to \$..... of this appropriation to pay costs incurred
2.26 by the Department of Public Safety to implement this section. Any money remaining after
2.27 all reimbursements under subdivision 3 and department costs under this subdivision are
2.28 paid cancel to the general fund.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.