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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing grants to deputy registrars and driver's license
1.3 agents for COVID-19-related expenses and treating the grants as a subtraction for
1.4 tax purposes; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **GRANTS FOR DEPUTY REGISTRARS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE**
1.7 **AGENTS FOR COVID-19-RELATED EXPENSES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** A deputy registrar office or driver's license office operated
1.9 by the state is not eligible to receive funds under this section.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Grant calculation.** (a) The reimbursement grant to each deputy registrar and
1.11 driver's license agent, as identified by the driver and vehicle services-designated office
1.12 location number, is calculated as follows:

1.13 (1) ten percent of available funds allocated equally among all deputy registrars;

1.14 (2) ten percent of available funds allocated equally among all driver's license agents;

1.15 and

1.16 (3) 80 percent of available funds allocated proportionally based on (i) the number of
1.17 transactions where a filing fee under Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33, subdivision 7, or
1.18 171.061, subdivision 4, is retained by each deputy registrar or driver's license agent from
1.19 March 24, 2017, through March 24, 2020, compared to (ii) the total number of transactions
1.20 where a filing fee is retained by all deputy registrars and driver's license agents during that
1.21 time period.

2.1 (b) For a deputy registrar or driver's license agent appointed after March 24, 2017, the
2.2 commissioner of public safety must identify whether a corresponding discontinued deputy
2.3 registrar or driver's license agent appointment exists. If a corresponding discontinued deputy
2.4 registrar or driver's license agent is identified, the commissioner must include the transactions
2.5 of the discontinued deputy registrar or driver's license agent in the calculations under
2.6 paragraph (a), clause (3), for the deputy registrar or driver's license agent appointed after
2.7 March 24, 2017.

2.8 (c) For a deputy registrar or driver's license agent appointed after March 24, 2017, to
2.9 which paragraph (b) does not apply, the commissioner of public safety must calculate the
2.10 deputy registrar's or driver's license agent's proportional share under paragraph (a), clause
2.11 (3), based on the average number of transactions where a filing fee is retained among the
2.12 deputy registrars or driver's license agents, as calculated excluding any deputy registrars or
2.13 driver's license agents for which this paragraph applies.

2.14 (d) In the calculations under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), the commissioner of
2.15 public safety must exclude deputy registrar offices and driver's license offices operated by
2.16 the state. In the calculations under paragraph (a), clause (3), the commissioner of public
2.17 safety must exclude transactions for a deputy registrar office or a driver's license office
2.18 operated by the state.

2.19 Subd. 3. **Grant distribution.** (a) Within 30 days of the enactment of this act, the
2.20 commissioner of public safety must notify each deputy registrar or driver's license agent of
2.21 the amount of the reimbursement grant the deputy registrar or driver's license agent is eligible
2.22 to receive under this section. In order to receive the reimbursement grant, the deputy registrar
2.23 or driver's license agent must:

2.24 (1) request the disbursement of the reimbursement grant to the deputy registrar or driver's
2.25 license agent; and

2.26 (2) agree to use the proceeds of the grant as provided in subdivision 4.

2.27 (b) The request must be submitted on a form developed by the commissioner and must
2.28 be submitted on or before July 15, 2020. If an individual is appointed as both a deputy
2.29 registrar and a driver's license agent, the individual may submit a single request for both
2.30 appointments. The commissioner must disburse the reimbursement grant to the deputy
2.31 registrar or driver's license agent within 30 days of receiving the request.

2.32 (c) Any amount of the appropriation under section 3 not disbursed with the initial grants
2.33 must not be subsequently distributed.

3.1 Subd. 4. **Authorized uses.** (a) A deputy registrar or driver's license agent must use the
3.2 grant proceeds received under this section for authorized expenses incurred or revenue lost
3.3 because of COVID-19. Authorized expenses include but are not limited to:

3.4 (1) cleaning and disinfecting supplies;

3.5 (2) personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves;

3.6 (3) purchase and installation of physical barriers to separate people;

3.7 (4) equipment or supplies necessary to conduct business by drop box, drive-through, or
3.8 curbside;

3.9 (5) costs for reconfiguring or remodeling to accommodate social distancing;

3.10 (6) supplies, equipment, or software to accommodate working remotely;

3.11 (7) salaries, wages, and benefits for staff, including regular, overtime, and sick pay;

3.12 (8) training for employees related to new procedures or processes related to COVID-19;

3.13 (9) reimbursement for loss of revenue attributable to COVID-19; and

3.14 (10) rent or mortgage payments.

3.15 (b) Upon request from the commissioner of public safety, a deputy registrar or driver's
3.16 license agent must be able to demonstrate that the grant proceeds were spent only for
3.17 authorized expenses.

3.18 (c) If a deputy registrar or driver's license agent is unable to spend the grant proceeds
3.19 on authorized uses by November 15, 2020, the deputy registrar or driver's license agent
3.20 must return the unspent proceeds to the commissioner of management and budget on or
3.21 before November 30, 2020. The commissioner must deposit the funds in the coronavirus
3.22 relief federal fund.

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

3.24 Sec. 2. **GRANTS FOR DEPUTY REGISTRARS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE**
3.25 **AGENTS; SUBTRACTION.**

3.26 The amount of any grant distributed to a deputy registrar or driver's license agent under
3.27 section 1, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), less any amount returned as unspent proceeds under
3.28 section 1, subdivision 4, paragraph (c), is a subtraction for the purposes of Minnesota
3.29 Statutes, section 290.0132, subdivision 1, or 290.0134, subdivision 1.

4.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December
4.2 31, 2019, and before January 1, 2021.

4.3 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

4.4 \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the coronavirus relief federal fund
4.5 to the commissioner of public safety for grants to deputy registrars and driver's license
4.6 agents as provided in section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until
4.7 November 15, 2020. Any amount remaining from this appropriation cancels back to the
4.8 coronavirus relief federal fund. The commissioner must use existing resources to administer
4.9 the reimbursements.

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