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STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to drivers' licenses; amending eligibility for a veteran designation on
1.3 drivers' licenses or Minnesota identification cards; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2022, section 171.07, subdivision 15.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.07, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 15. **Veteran designation.** (a) At the request of an eligible applicant and on payment
1.8 of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue to the applicant a driver's
1.9 license or Minnesota identification card bearing a graphic or written designation of:

1.10 (1) Veteran; or

1.11 (2) Veteran 100% T&P.

1.12 (b) At the time of the initial application for the designation provided under this
1.13 subdivision, the applicant must:

1.14 (1) be one of the following:

1.15 (i) a veteran, as defined in section 197.447; or

1.16 (ii) a retired member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States
1.17 armed forces;

1.18 (2) have provide a certified copy of the ~~veteran's~~ applicant's discharge papers that confirms
1.19 an honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions status, or a military retiree
1.20 identification card, veteran identification card, or veteran health identification card; and

2.1 (3) if the applicant is seeking the disability designation under paragraph (a), clause (2),
2.2 provide satisfactory evidence of a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected
2.3 disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

2.4 ~~(c) The commissioner of public safety is required to issue drivers' licenses and Minnesota~~
2.5 ~~identification cards with the veteran designation only after entering a new contract or in~~
2.6 ~~coordination with producing a new card design with modifications made as required by~~
2.7 ~~law.~~

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and
2.9 applies to applications submitted on or after that date.