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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1567

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

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;

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

1.18 (iii) a member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States armed
1.19 forces;

2.1 (2) ~~have provide~~ a certified copy of the ~~veteran's applicant's~~ discharge papers that confirms
2.2 an honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions status, or a military retiree
2.3 identification card, Veteran Identification Card, or Veteran Health Identification Card; and

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

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

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