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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 243

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division

03/04/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

03/19/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

03/25/2015 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing purple heart designation on driver's
1.3 licenses and Minnesota identification cards; providing for state park permits;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 85.053, by adding a subdivision;
1.5 171.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.053, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 11. **Free entrance; Purple Heart recipients.** The commissioner shall issue
1.10 without a fee a daily park permit to a motor vehicle being used by the holder of a driver's
1.11 license or Minnesota identification card bearing the Purple Heart designation as provided
1.12 under section 171.07, subdivision 18.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.15 to read:

1.16 Subd. 18. **Purple Heart designation.** (a) At the request of an eligible applicant and
1.17 on payment of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue to the applicant
1.18 a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing a Purple Heart designation.

1.19 (b) At the time of application for the designation provided under this subdivision, the
1.20 applicant must meet the requirements for a special combat wounded license plate under
1.21 section 168.123, subdivision 2, paragraph (e).

1.22 (c) The commissioner shall consult with interested groups on the design of the
1.23 designation.

2.1 (d) The commissioner of public safety is required to issue drivers' licenses and
2.2 Minnesota identification cards with the Purple Heart designation only after entering a new
2.3 contract or in coordination with producing a new card design with modifications made
2.4 as required by law.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE; NOTIFICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.6 final enactment and applies to applications submitted on or after the later of (1) January 1,
2.7 2016, or (2) the date that relevant modules of new driver and vehicle services information
2.8 technology system are first implemented. The commissioner of public safety shall notify
2.9 the revisor of statutes immediately upon relevant driver and vehicle services information
2.10 technology system implementation.