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02/15/2021 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy
Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; applying an expanded definition of veterans for purposes of
1.3 eligibility for the veteran's identifier on state-issued identification cards; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 171.07, subdivision 15.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, 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 a veteran, as defined in section 197.447;~~

1.15 ~~(2) (1) have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers DD-214 or other official~~
1.16 document from the official military personnel file of the veteran that describes the honorable
1.17 service of the veteran; and

1.18 ~~(3) (2) if the applicant is seeking the disability designation under paragraph (a), clause~~
1.19 (2), provide satisfactory evidence of a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected
1.20 disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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