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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill makes various housekeeping changes to transportation laws, consisting of: making the county state-aid highway screening board permanent; changing the minimum age from 21 to 18 for drivers transporting certain hazardous materials under federal materials-of-trade regulations; and, removing requirements for mailing and providing copies of Minnesota Department of Transportation aeronautics rules.

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- 1 Screening board.** Removes the expiration date for the screening board of engineers that reviews mileage and money needs of the county state-aid highway system. Under current law, the screening board expires June 30, 2006.
- 2 Age of driver under federal materials-of-trade regulation.** Establishes a minimum age of 18 for drivers of a motor vehicle that are not transporting hazardous material, except for materials of trade.

Uses the federal definition of "materials of trade," which is hazardous material whose purpose is to protect the health and safety of the operator or passengers, support the operation or maintenance of the motor vehicle, or hazardous material that supports the principal business other than transportation of a private motor carrier.

The provision only applies if the transportation conforms to federal requirements governing

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materials of trade.

Under current law, the minimum age is 21 for drivers transporting hazardous materials, with certain exceptions.

- 3** **Repealer.** Removes the requirements in current law that aeronautics rules adopted by the commissioner of transportation are (1) distributed by mail to all airports and air schools, and (2) made available as copies at the offices of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.