

Chapter 1

2019 Regular Session

Subject MNLARS & DVS deficiency funding and project review

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Overview

This act appropriates funds from the general fund in fiscal year 2019 for activities related to the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS), Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) customer service in the Department of Public Safety, and legislative oversight. Each of the appropriations are onetime and effective March 5, 2019.

The appropriations are:

- \$5.7 million for ongoing MNLARS motor vehicle system software development work;
- \$5.5 million for phase 2 activities involving the driver's license system;
- \$2.0 million for temporary DVS staffing; and
- \$100,000 for a review of the MNLARS project.

The act also requires progress reports to the MNLARS Steering Committee (which was established in 2018 as part of MNLARS supplemental funding legislation), and directs the chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Council on Information Technology to conduct a review of MNLARS.

Background. This law was enacted midway through the 2019 regular legislative session. Subsequently, in the 2019 1st special session, the MNLARS project was substantially frozen and funding was provided for its replacement through procurement of a commercial off-the-shelf information technology system. (The MNLARS Steering Committee was also replaced by a successor legislative entity, the Driver and Vehicle Systems Oversight Committee.) Laws 2019, 1st spec. sess., ch. 3.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Deficiency funding for MNLARS and Driver's License System; appropriation. Appropriates \$11.2 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2019 for ongoing development work on the motor vehicle and driver's license information technology systems. This is a onetime appropriation.
2	Deficiency funding request for DVS; appropriation. Appropriates \$2.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2019 for Driver and Vehicle Services customer service activities. Makes the funds available only until June 30, 2019. This is a onetime appropriation.
3	Quarterly progress reports. Requires quarterly progress reporting to the MNLARS Steering Committee on use of the appropriations in this act.
4	Independent review of MNLARS; appropriation. Directs the chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Council on Information Technology to conduct a review of MNLARS and report to the legislature, which is due by May 1, 2019. Specifies questions to address in an independent opinion on MNLARS. Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2019 for compensation to the council's chair and appointees who undertake the review.



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