Overview

This bill appropriates money to the department of transportation and for transportation-related functions in the department of public safety. It also appropriates state assistance to the metropolitan council for metropolitan transit operations.

The bill also contains the following provisions:

- A requirement that MnDOT establish a rail corridor improvement plan in southern Minnesota

- A system where sellers of motor vehicles would mail in a form detached from the certificate of title to notify the department of public safety of the sale

- New limitations and enforcement provisions on the parking of vehicles with disabled plates and certificates

- Authorization for the department of public safety to sell advertising in the driver's manual and other publications

- Reduced fee for Minnesota ID cards issued to persons with mental illness

- New registration category for antique aircraft

- Economic deregulation of motor carriers of passengers

- Authorization for red and white rear lights on delivery vehicles

- Study of Amtrak service between the Twin Cities and Iron Range
Article 1
Transportation Appropriations

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2 **Transportation.** Appropriations are from the trunk highway fund except where noted.

**Subd. 1. Total appropriation.**

|                      | 1,488,751 | 1,482,072 |
|                      |          |          |
| **Summary by fund:** |          |          |
| General fund         | 16,515   | 16,385   |
| State airports fund  | 19,336   | 19,419   |
| County state-aid highway fund | 365,063 | 366,624 |
| Municipal state-aid street fund | 105,549 | 107,394 |
| Trunk highway fund   | 962,288  | 972,250  |

**Subd. 2. Aeronautics**

|                      | 19,327   | 19,410   |
|                      |          |          |
| **Summary by fund:** |          |          |
| State airports fund  | 19,266   | 19,349   |
| General fund         | 50       | 50       |
| Trunk highway        | 11       | 11       |
| (a) Airport development and assistance | 13,948 | 13,948 |
| (b) Aviation support | 5,247    | 5,329    |
| (c) Civil air patrol | 65       | 65       |
| (c) Air transportation service | 132    | 133     |

**Subd. 3. Greater Minnesota transit.**

|                      | 16,206   | 16,244   |
|                      |          |          |
| **Summary by fund:** |          |          |
| General fund         | 15,882   | 15,892   |
Trunk highway fund 324 332
(a) Greater Minnesota transit assistance 15,406 15,406
From the general fund. Allows carryover from the first to second year. Specifies that $405,000 each year is one-time appropriation.
(b) Transit administration. 800 818
Summary by fund:
General fund 476 486
Trunk highway fund 324 332

Subd. 4. Railroads and waterways.
Summary by fund:
General fund 359 266
Trunk highway fund 1,264 1,299
Development of southern Minnesota rail corridor improvement plan under section 32, from the general fund. One-time appropriation.

Subd. 5. Motor carrier regulation.
Summary by fund:
General fund 116 119
Trunk highway fund 2,735 2,746
Administration of passenger carrier deregulation 301 249

Subd. 6. Local roads.
Summary by fund:
County state-aid 365,063 366,624
Municipal state-aid 105,549 107,394
(a) County state-aids (from CSA fund) 365,063 366,624
(b) Municipal state-aids (from MSA fund) 105,549 107,394
Allows unanticipated revenue from highway user taxes to these funds to be added to the above appropriation.
Directs MnDOT to study the effects on local bridge needs of adding additional types of projects to the projects that are eligible for state grants for local bridges.

Subd. 7. State roads
Summary by fund:
General fund 59 9
Trunk highway fund 912,566 923,760
(a) State road construction. 516,684 521,707
Allows the department to transfer up to $15,000,000 of this appropriation each year to the trunk highway revolving loan account in the transportation revolving loan fund.
(b) Debt service. 13,949 13,175
Transfer to state bond fund for trunk highway bond repayment. 3,949 3,175
(c) Research and investment management. 12,450 12,597
Planning grants to regional development commissions, joint powers 600 600
boards in regions with no RDC, and MnDOT districts in regions with no RDC or joint-powers board, outside the Twin Cities metro area.

Planning grants to metropolitan planning organizations outside the Twin Cities area. 216 216

Transportation planning related to 2000 census. One-time appropriation. 75 25

Transportation research contingent accounts, for research costs reimbursable from other sources. 75 75

(d) Central engineering services. 68,563 70,940

(e) Design and construction engineering. 80,592 83,246

Transportation planning related to 2000 census. One-time appropriation. 1,000 500

(f) State road operations. 214,703 216,561

Metro freeway operations enhancements. 1,000 1,000

Maintenance services. 1,000 1,000

Hiring of additional maintenance and program delivery personnel, contingent on reaching an agreement with bargaining units by October 1, 1999. 3,000 3,000

Improved highway striping. 3,000 1,000

Safety technology applications. 500 500

Statewide asset preservation and repair. 150 150

Implementation of "transportation worker" concept in MnDOT workforce. 750 750

Requires the department to create a task force to study seasonal road restrictions (restrictions on gross weight and axle weight that are imposed during parts of the year to protect roadbeds). Requires the task force to include representatives of aggregate and ready-mix producers, solid and liquid waste haulers, logging, construction, and farming. Requires a report to the legislature by February 1, 2000.

(g) Electronic communications. 5,684 5,543

Summary by fund:

General fund 59 9

Trunk highway fund 5,625 5,534

Lake of the Woods weather broadcasting, from the general fund. 9 9

Completion of the public safety radio system in the metropolitan area, from the general fund. 50

From the trunk highway fund for costs resulting from termination of agreements with commercial wireless service operators under section 31. Available until spent. 200

Costs resulting from termination of agreements made under article 2, sections 31 and 89 (communications facilities agreements.) Does not cancel. 200

Requires the department to request the department of administration each year to request bids for purchase of digital mobile and portable radios for the metro
Subd. 8. General support.

Summary by fund:

- General fund: 49
- State airports fund: 70
- Trunk highway fund: 41,612

(a) General management.
Requires the department to implement at the earliest feasible date its technical memorandum that outlines the process by which highway plans, specifications, and estimates will be converted to the English system of measurement. Requires a report to the legislative committees on transportation policy and finance on the status and schedule for conversion to the English system.

(b) General services.

Summary by fund:

- General fund: 49
- State airports fund: 70
- Trunk highway fund: 13,089

Implementation of plan for shared information resources.

2,500

Subd. 9. Buildings

Subd. 10. Transfers.

Allows the commissioner, with finance department approval, to transfer unencumbered balances among appropriations from the trunk highway fund and state airports fund. Requires reports to legislative finance committees.

Transfers from the flexible account in the county state-aid highway fund:

- To municipal turnback account: 4,400
- To trunk highway fund: 5,000

Directs the remainder of the flexible account each year to the county turnback account.

Subd. 11. Previous appropriations

Allows money appropriated to the department in previous years for state road construction to be used in the 2000-01 biennium to the extent that it will be used on the construction project for which it was originally encumbered.


Allows MnDOT, with governor's approval after consultation with legislative advisory commission, to transfer unappropriated balances in the trunk highway fund for trunk highway construction, emergency maintenance, and to cover and environmental claims.

3 Metropolitan council transit. From the general fund.

Limits metro mobility to $38,100,000 for the biennium, except for proceeds from bond sales.

4 Public safety. Appropriations are from the general fund except where noted.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.
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### Subd. 2. Administration.

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<td>Transfer to public safety officer's benefit account for health benefits.</td>
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<td>Soft body armor reimbursements, to reimburse peace officers for part of the cost of purchasing soft body armor.</td>
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Highway user tax distribution fund 240 245

**Subd. 5. Traffic safety.**
From the trunk highway fund 304 310

**Subd. 6. Pipeline safety.**
From the pipeline safety account in the special revenue fund 947 965

**5 Minnesota safety council.**
From the trunk highway fund 67 67

**6 General contingent accounts.** Expenditure requires approval of the governor after consultation with legislative advisory commission. 375 375 200 200 125 125 50 50

**7 Tort claims.** To the commissioner of finance, from the trunk highway fund 600 600

**8 1997 appropriation for radio system.** Amends the appropriation for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 to MnDOT for the 800 MHz radio system, to allow the appropriation to remain available until spent.

**9 1997 appropriation for patrol training.** Amends the appropriation for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 to the state patrol for a trooper training academy to allow the appropriation to be available until spent, and to delete the reference to the academy beginning operations in January, 1999.

### Article 2
**Transportation Development**

**0 Motorcycle safety account.** Makes permanent the provision of law that limits expenditures from the motorcycle safety fund for motorcycle instructor training and school reimbursements to not more than 65 percent of all expenditures from the fund in any year. Under present law this percentage would drop to 60 percent beginning in fiscal year 2000.

Repeals expired language relating to expenditures from the motorcycle safety fund for administrative purposes.

(The motorcycle safety fund is funded by $11 from each fee for a new motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license and $7 of the endorsement fee for each renewal. Money in the fund is annually appropriated to the department of public safety, but that department may make grants from the fund to the department of children, families, and learning. The fund is used for (1) training and coordination of motorcycle safety instructors, (2) reimbursing school districts for up to half their costs of offering motorcycle safety courses, and (3) motorcycle safety promotion and public education. This section affects the maximum percentage of the fund that may be spent for items (1) and (2).)

**1 Limousine definition.** Amends the definition of "limousine" in motor vehicle registration law for consistency with the definition in motor carrier law.

**2 Commercial driving school vehicle registration tax exemption.** Exempts from vehicle registration taxes vehicles owned by a commercial driving school and used solely in driver education.

**3 Prorated fees.** Provides that the registration tax on a vehicle that becomes subject to taxation on
transfer from a vehicle dealer is for the remainder of the registration period, prorated at the rate of 1/12 of the tax for each month remaining.

4 **Listing by dealers.** Deletes the requirement that a dealer who takes possession of a vehicle may withhold the license tax only if the vehicle transfer is filed with the department of public safety before the current year's registration expires. Provides that when the dealer sells the vehicle the tax due is for the remainder of the year, prorated on a monthly basis.

5 **Registration tax for vehicles with disabled license plates.** Repeals the provision that reduces the registration tax by $1 for each month of registration for motor vehicles bearing disabled license plates.

6 **Suspension of registration.** Allows registration of a motor vehicle to be suspended, modified, revoked, or amended if a person to whom the vehicle has been transferred fails to apply for a new certificate of title within 30 days of the sale.

7 **Late fee.** Reduces from 14 to 10 days the period during which a vehicle seller must transfer title to the buyer without incurring a $2 late fee.

8 **Reinstatement fee.** Changes the time limit for registration to reflect the 30-day requirement in section 14. Increases the fee for a reinstatement of a suspended registration from $5 to $10.

9 **Detachable form.** Requires a vehicle certificate of title to contain a form that may be detached from the title, containing vehicle identification information, information identifying the vehicle's buyer, the purchase price, and the date of sale.

10 **Notice of sale.** Requires a person who sells a vehicle to complete the form required under section 17 to send the form to the department of public safety within seven days of the sale.

11 **Application for new certificate.** Provides that failure of a person to whom a vehicle has been transferred to apply for a new certificate of title results in suspension of the vehicle's registration.

12 **Liability.** Specifies that a person who has sold a vehicle must comply with the requirement of section 18, if applicable, in order to be free of liability for damages resulting from operation of the vehicle after the sale.

13 **Violation.** Amends the law that makes it a misdemeanor to fail to notify the department of transfers of title by exempting the notice of sale requirement in section 18.

14 **Open bottle law.** Amends the open bottle law to delete a reference to charter carriers (a type of motor passenger carrier permit that is eliminated in this bill) make the exemption previously given to charter carriers from the open bottle law apply to all motor carriers of passengers.

15 **Parking for benefit of disabled person.** Specifies that the parking privileges extended to a vehicle with a disability certificate or license plates apply when the vehicle is parked by another person only when it is parked solely for the benefit of the disabled person. Provides that a person may park a vehicle for a disabled person at a disabled space or metered space only when actually transporting a disabled person for that person's sole benefit, and when the parking space is within a reasonable distance from the drop-off point.

Allows vehicles with disabled plates or certificates to park at unmetered spaces that have time limitations (other than rush-hour parking bans) without being subject to those time limitations, unless the exercise of the privilege is specifically prohibited in that space. Under present law the disabled exemption from parking time limitations applies only at metered spaces.

16 **Certificate.** Provides that a vehicle displaying a disability certificate has parking privileges only while the vehicle is actually in use for transporting a disabled person.

Provides that when the department of public safety issues commercial disabled certificates to an organization, the department must require documentation from each organization that the organization has adequate controls to prevent abuse of the certificate.
Prohibits the department from issuing more than three replacement certificates in a six-year period unless issuance has been approved by the council on disability.

17 Unauthorized use. Allows a parking enforcement officer to report a violation of disabled parking privileges to the department of public safety. Under present law the department may revoke a certificate for a violation.

18 Enforcement. Allows parking enforcement officers to issue citations for a violation of disabled parking privileges.

Provides that if a holder of a disability certificate or plates allows an otherwise ineligible person to use the certificate or plates, the holder may not use the certificate or plates or be issued a certificate or plates for one year after the violation.

20 Local ordinances. Allows cities to enact an ordinance establishing a permit program for long-term parking.

21 White lights on delivery vehicles. Allows a vehicle making deliveries to residences to have a white light to the rear, from a top-mounted sign, if the sign projects other colors to the rear.

22 Red lights on delivery vehicles. Allows a vehicle making deliveries to residences to have a red light to the rear, from a top-mounted sign, if the sign projects other colors to the rear.

23 Minimum period for possession of instruction permit. Requires a person applying for a driver's license who is age 19 or older to have had an instruction permit for at least three months.

24 Minimum period for possession of instruction permit. Makes technical changes to incorporate the change in section 23.

25 Home-school driver education. Provides that a person under age 18 who has completed driver education a certified home-school, with classroom materials approved by the department of public safety, and who is enrolled in an approved behind-the-wheel driver education program, is eligible for an instruction permit.

26 Driver's license agents. Requires the department of public safety to provide a camera for driver's license photos, at the department's expense, to a newly-appointed driver's license agent who replaces an existing agent who has died, retired, resigned, or who has discontinued license services. Imposes this requirement only if the department had provided a camera to that office before 1999. Under present law such an agent would have to pay for the camera.

27 ID card fees for persons with mental illness. Sets a fee of 50 cents for a state-issued identification card for a person who meets the definition of a "person with serious and persistent mental illness" in the adult mental health act. The regular fee for a state-issued identification card is $12.50.

28 Home schools. Exempts home schools from the licensing requirements for driver training schools.

29 Directional signs. Adopts the federal definition of "public authorities" within the statutory definition of "directional signs." This has the effect of allowing directional signs to public places operated by Indian tribes to be placed on highway right of way.

30 Large urbanized transit service. Reduces from 55 to 50 percent the required local match for public transit operating assistance outside the metropolitan area. Duluth is the only large urbanized area in the program.

31 Public safety radio system agreements. Allows the department of transportation to obtain sites by purchase, lease, gift, exchange, or other means for erection of towers and location of other equipment for the public safety radio system in the metropolitan area. Allows the department to make agreements with commercial wireless service providers to install their equipment on state-owned structures. Allows the department to charge a fee for this use, or in lieu of a fee to make agreements to use privately-owned towers for state equipment. Requires such fees to be deposited in the trunk highway fund and appropriates the fees back to the department for costs of the radio system.
32 Technical. Deletes references to repealed sections in the law governing motor carriers.

33 Certificates. Deletes reference to certificates of public convenience and necessity in motor carrier law.

34 Corridor improvement plan. Requires the department of transportation to develop a corridor improvement plan for grade crossings on the railway corridor that runs through Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Waseca, Blue Earth, Brown, Redwood, Lyon and Lincoln counties.

Subd. 1. Plan development. Requires development of the plan.

Subd. 2. Recommendations for improvements. Requires the plan to include crossing-by-crossing assessments to identify improvements needed at crossings with moderate levels of exposure. Requires the plan to identify all crossings that are candidates for grade separation at crossings that have a specified level of exposure of vehicles to trains, or that meet criteria in department rules.

Subd. 3. Review. Requires the department to give railroads and local governments opportunities to participate in the plan development, and to allow local government review of the plan before the department (1) executes an agreement with an affected railroad company on an improvement in the plan, and (2) forwarding plan recommendations to the federal surface transportation board (STB).

Subd. 4. Final plan. Requires the department to submit the final plan to affected area transportation partnerships, railroads, and local governments. Provides that development of the plan does not bind the state or local governments to any implementation or funding obligations, unless otherwise provided in the plan.

35 Motor carrier definition. Amends the definition of motor carrier in motor carrier law by deleting references to operating authority. Excludes from the definition exempt carriers, building movers, and limousines.

36 Certificated carrier definition. Technical.

37 Class I carrier definition. Technical.

38 Motor carrier of passengers definition. Defines "motor carrier of passengers" as a person engaged in for-hire transportation of passengers in vehicles designed for eight or more passengers including the driver.

39 Small vehicle passenger service definition. Defines "small vehicle passenger service" as for-hire transportation of persons in vehicles designed for seven or fewer persons including the driver.

40 Motor carrier registration certificates. Authorizes MnDOT to invoke sanctions for serious or repeated violations of motor carrier law. Allows administrative hearings on sanctions.

41 Exemptions from regulation. Technical.

42 Exempt carriers. Deletes the exemption from motor carrier law service that is under contract to and receiving operating assistance from MnDOT or the metropolitan council.

43 Motor carriers of property. Clarifies that the existing motor carrier registration system applies only
to motor carriers of property.

44 **Motor carriers of passengers; registration.** Establishes a new system of registration for motor carriers of passengers. Requires those carriers to file a federal motor carrier identification report with MnDOT. Provides for issuance of state registration certificate to motor carriers of passengers. Requires annual audits and safety inspections. Provides for suspension of registration for an unsatisfactory safety rating.

45 **Exemptions.** Technical.

46 **Powers of department.** Technical.


48 **Vehicle identification rule.** Exempts limousines from MnDOT’s vehicle identification rules.

49 **Medical examiner's certificate.** Specifies that any driver for a motor carrier of passengers who holds a driver's license with a school bus endorsement is not required to have a separate health certificate. The present exemption applies only to charter drivers.

50 **Commissioner's orders.** Technical.

51 **Penalties.** Technical.

52 **Local regulation.** Requires that if a city regulates small vehicle passenger service (including taxis), it must do so by an ordinance that provides for driver qualifications, insurance, vehicle safety, and vehicle inspections. Allows a city that has enacted such an ordinance to enforce the state registration requirements for carriers.

53 **Filing requirements.** Technical.

54 **Initial motor carrier contact program.** Requires MnDOT’s initial motor carrier contact program (an education program for new motor carriers) to include discussion of accident countermeasures. Requires all new motor carriers to participate in the program by January 1, 2000. Allows extension of the period of time after initial registration that a carrier must participate in the program (presently 90 days).

55 **Fee.** Provides for a $75 per vehicle registration fee for motor carriers of passengers.

56 **Insurance.** Requires motor carriers of passengers to carry at least as much insurance as is required of interstate passenger carriers under federal regulations. Under federal regulations these minimum coverages are $5 million for vehicles 16 passengers or more and $1.5 million for smaller vehicles.

57 **Retention of records.** Technical.

58 **Criminal background check.** Provides for criminal background checks of drivers for passenger carriers.

  **Subd. 1. Background check required.** Requires a motor carrier of passengers to conduct an initial background check of new employees and independent contractors who drive vehicles carrying passengers. Requires a new background check every three years.

  **Subd. 2. Scope.** Prohibits a motor carrier of passengers from using a driver to operate a passenger vehicle if the background check shows that the driver has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit murder, manslaughter, assault, kidnaping, criminal sexual conduct, first degree arson, harassment or stalking, robbery, false imprisonment, theft, burglary, or terroristic threats.

  **Subd. 3. Records.** Requires passenger carriers to keep records of background checks.

  **Subd. 4. Exemption.** Exempts drivers with school bus endorsements from subdivisions 1 to 3.

59 **Suspension.** Technical.
Notice of suspension. Technical.

Notice of suspension; effective date. Requires the department to issue a notice if it seeks to suspend a certificate or permit, giving the reasons for the suspension. Makes the suspension effective two days after the notice is mailed.

Suspension rescinded. Makes provisions for rescinding suspensions inapplicable in cases where the registration has expired. Requires cancellation of registration for a carrier who has failed to comply with motor carrier requirements within one year of a suspension of registration.

Operation without registration. Makes conforming amendments to laws governing operation without a certificate or permit.

New petition. Technical.

Delegated powers. Technical.

Operating without registration. Technical.

Certificate. Technical.

Gasoline used in snowmobiles. Specifies that the percentage of gasoline tax revenues that is attributable to snowmobile use is one percent through fiscal year 2000 and .75 percent in subsequent years. Under present law this percentage of revenue is allocated to the snowmobile trails and enforcement account. The percentage is presently one percent, scheduled in law to be reduced to .75 percent in fiscal 2000.

Driver's license manual. Allows the department of public safety to accept paid advertising in the driver's license manual. Appropriates advertising revenues back to the department to defray costs of publishing the manual and other informational materials. Prohibits political advertising.

First year of life defined. Defines "first year of life" for aircraft registration purposes as the first year the aircraft received a type certificate from the FAA or the year of manufacture, whichever is earlier. Under present law the first year of life is the year of model designation or, in the absence of such designation, the year of manufacture.

Collector aircraft. Creates two new categories of collector aircraft:

Antique aircraft, meaning an aircraft constructed by the original manufacturer or its licensee before 1946, except for specified limited-production pre-war aircraft.

Classic aircraft, meaning aircraft constructed by the original manufacturer or its licensee from 1946 through 1955, except for specified 1945 manufacture models.

Under present law there is one category of collector's aircraft which includes aircraft built before 1940. They may be owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not be used for general or commercial transportation. The registration fee is $25 annually, compared to the general registration tax of one percent of value.

Requires antique or classic aircraft to have a first year of life of at least 50 years before the date of registration or re-registration.

Replaces the current "pioneer aircraft" plates with either classic or antique plates. Allows a person who buys such an aircraft to retain and transfer the existing plates for a $5 fee.

Town regulation. Amends the law that allows towns to adopt ordinances regulating taxis and car rental agencies to make the ordinances subject to the same requirements as specified in for cities in section 52.

Unmarked vehicles. Allows tax-exempt vehicles of county attorneys to be issued regular license plates.

City regulation. Amends the law that allows cities to adopt ordinances regulating taxis and car rental agencies to make the ordinances subject to the same requirements as specified in section 52.
75 Proceedings before department. Deletes obsolete references.
76 Metropolitan radio board report. Requires the metropolitan radio board to report to the legislature by March 1, 2000, on the status of the 800 MHz radio system.
77 Hazardous waste. Technical.
78 Metropolitan radio board sunset date. Extends the sunset date of the metropolitan radio board from June 30, 1999, to June 30, 2002.
79 Transitways appropriation. Amends the 1998 appropriation for study of the Northstar rail corridor to extend its northern terminus from St. Cloud to Little Falls.
80 Amtrak study. Directs MnDOT to conduct a study of providing Amtrak passenger service from the Twin Cities to the Iron Ranges.
81 Taxi regulation study. Directs the metropolitan council to study regional regulation of taxicabs. Requires a report to the legislature by February 1, 2000.
82 Lighting study. Directs the department of public safety to review the law governing vehicle lighting and recommend changes. Requires a report by February 15, 2000.
83 Report; large urbanized transit systems. Requests the legislative auditor to gather revenue and expenditure information on the Duluth transit authority. Directs DTA and MnDOT to submit to legislative committees a joint recommendation on local share of operating costs for DTA.
84 State development strategy. Requires the office of strategic and long-range planning to develop a 20-year state development strategy. Requires the agency to submit a report to the legislature by February 15, 2000, on a proposal for preparing the state development strategy based on a prototype strategy for the I-94 corridor between the Twin Cities and St. Cloud.
85 Conversion of certificates. Converts existing certificates and permits held by passenger carriers to certificates of registration under section 44.
86 Service at airport. Provides that until July 1, 2000, only those motor carriers with a valid certificate, permit, or certificate of registration, or other carrier authorized by the metropolitan airports commission, may pick up passengers at MSP airports.
87 Utility relocation study. Requires MnDOT to study utility relocation on trunk highways and report to the legislature by January 15, 2000.
88 Federal funds. Prohibits MnDOT from taking action under section 29 (definition of directional and other official signs) if it would result in a loss of federal funds.
89 Agreement. Allows MnDOT to make an agreement with a private communications company whereby the company will build a tower at the Lino Lakes correctional facility and give it to the state in return for use of state facilities for telecommunications. Exempts the agreement from certain state contract requirements.
90 Report on advertising revenues. Requires the department of public safety to report to legislative committees on revenues and expenditures from sale of advertising in department publications.
91 Instruction to revisor. Technical
92 Repeater. Repeals laws relating to economic regulation of passenger carriers. Repeals the law establishing the metropolitan light rail joint powers board.