Overview

This bill designates a certain bridge as the Diana L. Koski Memorial Bridge. It also provides that the "open bottle" law applies to all alcoholic beverages, distilled spirits, and 3.2 malt liquor. (The open bottle law prohibits the possession of open bottles of certain alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles while on public roads.) The bill also places responsibility for approving all driver's education courses with the commissioner of public safety. Current law makes the commissioner of children, families, and learning responsible for approving courses offered in the public schools. Additionally, the bill raises monetary amounts for satisfying judgments arising out of automobile liability claims and permits the renewal of expired driver's licenses within five years of expiration without written examination. Finally, the bill extends, until December 31, 2001, the ignition interlock pilot program that was established in 1991 and changes some of its requirements. The bill also repeals existing administrative rules relating to the pilot program.

1 Diana L. Koski Memorial Bridge. Designates the bridge over trunk highway No. 5 on Prairie Center Drive in Eden Prairie as the Diana L. Koski Memorial Bridge and requires the erection of signs to this effect on the bridge.

to 44 Open bottle law. Amend the open bottle law so that it applies to any open bottle in a motor vehicle containing an alcoholic beverage, distilled spirits, or 3.2 malt liquor. The current law applies to intoxicating liquors and 3.2 malt liquor.

5 License endorsement and permit requirements. Places responsibility for all driver's safety courses for two-wheeled (i.e., motorcycle) vehicle instruction permits with the commissioner of public safety. Under current law, the commissioner is responsible for approving courses offered by private and commercial schools and the commissioner of children, families, and learning is responsible for approving courses offered by public schools.

6 Person less than 18 years of age. Places responsibility for all driver education courses needed to obtain a motor vehicle instruction permit with the commissioner of public safety. Under current law, the commissioner is responsible for approving courses offered by private and
commercial schools and the commissioner of children, families, and learning is responsible for approving courses offered by public schools.

7 **Requirements.** Raises the monetary amounts needed to satisfy a judgment arising out of an automobile insurance liability claim. The amounts raised are as follows:

   - for judgments rendered due to the bodily injury or death of one person: from $25,000 to $30,000; and
   - for judgments rendered due to the bodily injury or death of two or more persons: from $50,000 to $60,000.

8 **Expiration of license.** Permits an expired driver's license to be renewed within five years of expiration without a written examination. Current law permits renewals of expired licenses under these circumstances only if done within one year of expiration.

9 **Ignition interlock device; pilot program; license condition.** Amends the ignition interlock program that was established in 1991.

   **Subd. 2. Pilot program.** Removes the requirement that the pilot program operate statewide. Extends the pilot program until December 31, 2001 and prohibits the issuance of any limited licenses issued under the program after October 1, 2001. Requires a report on the program to the legislature by February 1, 2002.

   **Subd. 3. Performance standards.** Provides technical performance specifications for interlock devices used in the pilot program.

   **Subd. 4. Certification.** Requires manufacturers that submit ignition interlock devices for certification by the commissioner of public safety to apply for certification on a form approved by the commissioner.

   **Subd. 5. Issuance of limited license.** Sets forth the prerequisites for participating in the pilot program. Requires participants, among other things, to have successfully completed chemical dependency treatment and be participating currently in a generally recognized support group based on ongoing abstinence.

10 **Repealer.** Repeals administrative rules relating to the ignition interlock pilot program.

11 **Effective date.** Section 7 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to judgments rendered on or after that date. The remaining sections are effective August 1, 2000.