OVERVIEW

The bill (1) allows an individual to opt out of having public information on the individual that is held by the state released to anyone selling goods or services, and (2) amends vehicle title and driver license records laws to comply with 1999 federal requirements on disclosure of those records.

1  **Information required to be given individual.** Amends a current provision of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act on information that must be given to individuals when they are asked to provide private or confidential data about themselves to any government entity. Adds a new notice to be given to individuals when they are asked to provide public data about themselves to a state agency. Requires clear and conspicuous written notice that the individual has the right to prohibit disclosure of public data on him/herself to anyone who seeks directly or indirectly to sell or attempt to sell a product or service. Lets the individual prohibit disclosure by so indicating in writing.

Requires the state agency to promptly implement the request and not disclose data on the individual for purposes prohibited by this provision.

2  **Privacy of name or residence address.** Amends current law on access to personal information on vehicle owners held by the state's vehicle title records division. Current law (1) makes public everything the 1994 federal driver privacy law allowed to be made public, (2) lets individuals opt out of disclosure of their names for bulk surveys, marketing or solicitation, and (3) allows release of personal information to community groups working with law enforcement to track drug dealers and prostitutes' customers.

The bill:

(1) requires express consent before the state can release vehicle owner information for marketing purposes, to comply with 1999 federal amendments;

(2) requires an individual’s consent to release his or her social security number, photo, or medical or disability information in those situations where the 1999 federal law requires express
(3) allows release of the data in item (2) and other kinds of identifying data without the subject's express consent in situations where the 1999 federal law does not require express consent; and (4) continues the current law provision allowing release of data to community groups working with law enforcement.

3 Privacy of residence address. Amends the current driver license record law to make it parallel to section 2 on motor vehicle title records.