



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 19, 2018

The Honorable Kurt Daudt  
Speaker of the House  
State Office Building, Room 463  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 178, House File 2835, a bill relating to public safety.

While I fully support reimbursing Minnesota's Deputy Registrars for the financial losses they have incurred since the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS) rollout, I will not sign a bill that does not comprehensively address fixing the MNLARS system in addition to the reimbursement of Deputy Registrars. I also will not sign a bill that depletes necessary resources for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS). Given where we are in the legislative process, I urge the Legislature to send me one bill that includes funding for fixing and MNLARS system and funding for reimbursing Deputy Registrars from the General Fund. Sending me legislation that does not provide a comprehensive solution is not productive.

The proposed funding source in this bill, coupled with the proposed funding in the Transportation Article of the Supplemental Budget Bill, would be fiscally irresponsible. The Transportation Article also makes additional appropriations from the DVS Special Revenue Accounts. The net effect of enacting both bills would be to drain entirely the DVS Special Revenue Accounts. It is imperative that they remain stable, in order for the agency to meet its statutory business obligations into the future, as was intended when the Legislature established those accounts.

Additionally, there are currently multiple policy provisions in the Transportation Article of the Supplemental Budget Bill that are not directly funded and total over \$16 million. These requirements could set back the progress scheduled with the stakeholder roadmap, delaying the MNLARS project even further. DPS and MN.IT have staff spent months engaging with stakeholders, including Deputy Registrars, to ensure that critical functions and fixes were prioritized. Incorporating new priorities without properly engaging those who worked on the roadmap will most certainly have an adverse effect on the priorities that were agreed to.

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MNLARS is the very system stakeholders rely on to process customer transactions and conduct business. If the funding and roadmap are delayed, this system will not function properly, which means it is highly likely that we will again need to reimburse Deputy Registrars for the same issues they have faced since last July. That is why I proposed and support a comprehensive and responsible approach to this issue, one that both supports Deputy Registrars and completes the system without causing further delays.

I look forward to using the final hours of this Legislative Session to resolve this issue with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Dayton  
Governor

cc: Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, President of the Senate  
Senator Paul E. Gazelka, Senate Majority Leader  
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader  
Senator Scott J. Newman, Chief Senate Author  
Representative Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader  
Representative Dave Baker, Chief House Author  
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