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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 120

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring commissioner of public safety to adopt rules
1.3 for driver education programs and the driver's manual on safe interactions with
1.4 law enforcement officials and safely responding to emergencies; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 171.0701, subdivision 1; 171.0705, by adding
1.6 a subdivision.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. Driver education requirements. (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules
1.10 requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of instruction, beginning January 1, 2007, relating to
1.11 organ and tissue donations and the provisions of section 171.07, subdivision 5, for persons
1.12 enrolled in driver education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and
1.13 commercial driver training schools.

1.14 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver education programs
1.15 offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools, requiring
1.16 inclusion in the course of instruction, by January 1, 2009, a section on awareness and safe
1.17 interaction with commercial motor vehicle traffic. The rules must require classroom
1.18 instruction and behind-the-wheel training that includes, but is not limited to, truck stopping
1.19 distances, proper distances for following trucks, identification of truck blind spots, and
1.20 avoidance of driving in truck blind spots.

1.21 (c) By January 1, 2012, the commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver
1.22 education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training
1.23 schools, requiring inclusion in the course of instruction of a section on carbon monoxide
1.24 poisoning. The instruction must include but is not limited to (1) a description of the

2.1 characteristics of carbon monoxide, (2) a review of the risks and potential speed of death
2.2 from carbon monoxide poisoning, and (3) specific suggestions regarding vehicle idling
2.3 practices.

2.4 (d) The commissioner must adopt rules requiring driver education programs offered at
2.5 public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools to include instruction
2.6 on how to safely interact with law enforcement officials during traffic stops and how drivers
2.7 should safely respond to emergency situations related to operation of a vehicle.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.0705, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.10 to read:

2.11 Subd. 11. **Driver's manual; safe police contacts.** The commissioner must include in
2.12 each subsequent edition of the driver's manual published by the department a chapter on
2.13 how to safely interact with law enforcement officials during traffic stops and how drivers
2.14 should safely respond to emergency situations related to operation of a vehicle.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.