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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1280**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; prohibiting use of driver feedback and  
1.3 safety-monitoring equipment in certain vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2012, section 169.71, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.71, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions generally; exceptions.** (a) A person shall not drive or  
1.8 operate any motor vehicle with:

1.9 (1) a windshield cracked or discolored to an extent to limit or obstruct proper vision;

1.10 (2) any objects suspended between the driver and the windshield, other than:

1.11 (i) sun visors;

1.12 (ii) rearview mirrors;

1.13 (iii) driver feedback and safety-monitoring equipment when mounted immediately  
1.14 behind, slightly above, or slightly below the rearview mirror;

1.15 (iv) global positioning systems or navigation systems when mounted or located near  
1.16 the bottommost portion of the windshield; and

1.17 (v) electronic toll collection devices; or

1.18 (3) any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield,  
1.19 sidewings, or side or rear windows of the vehicle, other than a certificate or other paper  
1.20 required to be so displayed by law or authorized by the state director of the Division of  
1.21 Emergency Management or the commissioner of public safety.

1.22 (b) Paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), do not apply to law enforcement vehicles.

1.23 (c) Paragraph (a), clause (2), does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.

2.1            (d) Paragraph (a), clause (2), item (iii), does not apply to a vehicle operated by a  
2.2 motor carrier of railroad employees under section 221.0255. Use of driver feedback  
2.3 and safety-monitoring equipment in vehicles operated by a motor carrier of railroad  
2.4 employees is prohibited.