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A bill for an act

relating to traffic regulations; prohibiting saturation patrols and sting operations to apprehend seat belt violators; requiring POST Board review of agency compliance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.985.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.985, is amended to read:

169.985 TRAFFIC CITATION QUOTA AND CERTAIN SATURATION PATROLS AND STING OPERATIONS PROHIBITED.

Subdivision 1. **Quotas prohibited.** A law enforcement agency may not order, mandate, require, or suggest to a peace officer a quota for the issuance of traffic citations, including administrative citations authorized under section 169.999, on a daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis.

Subd. 2. **Seat belt violation saturation patrols and sting operations prohibited.** Because seat belt violations do not constitute a hazard to the traveling public, a law enforcement agency may not conduct a saturation patrol or a sting operation for the purpose of detecting drivers operating motor vehicles in violation of section 169.686, subdivision 1, paragraph (a). A saturation patrol is a law enforcement activity during which enhanced levels of law enforcement are utilized in a concentrated geographic area for the purpose of detecting a specific violation. A sting operation is a law enforcement activity designed to utilize deception to detect a specific violation.

Subd. 3. **POST Board review.** The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training shall include in the reports to the legislature required in section 626.843, subdivision 4, information on law enforcement agencies' compliance with the prohibitions in this section.