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Introduction and first reading  
 Referred to Transportation  
 See HF2887

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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; amending eligibility for restricted drivers' licenses for
- 1.3 farm work; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.041.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.041, is amended to read:
- 1.6 **171.041 RESTRICTED LICENSE FOR FARM WORK.**
- 1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of section 171.04 relating to the age of an applicant
- 1.8 to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted farm work license to operate a
- 1.9 motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years and who, except for age, is
- 1.10 qualified to hold a driver's license. The applicant is not required to comply with the six-month
- 1.11 instruction permit possession provisions of sections 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (2), and
- 1.12 171.05, subdivision 2a, or with the 12-month provisional license possession provision of
- 1.13 section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (1), item (i).
- 1.14 (b) The restricted license must be issued solely for the purpose of authorizing the person
- 1.15 to whom the restricted license is issued to assist ~~the person's parents or guardians~~ with farm
- 1.16 work. An individual may perform farm work under the restricted license for any entity
- 1.17 authorized to farm under section 500.24. A person holding this restricted license may operate
- 1.18 a motor vehicle only during daylight hours and only within a radius of 40 miles of the
- 1.19 ~~parent's or guardian's~~ farmhouse on the farm where the person is working.
- 1.20 (c) An applicant for a restricted license must apply to the commissioner for the license
- 1.21 on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by:

2.1 (1) a copy of a property tax statement showing that the applicant's parent ~~or~~, guardian,  
2.2 or employer owns land that is classified as agricultural land or a copy of a rental statement  
2.3 or agreement showing that the applicant's parent or guardian rents land classified as  
2.4 agricultural land; ~~and~~

2.5 (2) a written verified statement by the applicant's parent or guardian setting forth the  
2.6 necessity for the license; and

2.7 (3) if the applicant is not working for a parent or guardian, a written verified statement  
2.8 by the farm owner setting forth the necessity for the license.