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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3204

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

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; modifying requirements of photographs on drivers'

1.3 licenses and identification cards for certain individuals with medical devices;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.071, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Certain head wear permitted.** (a) If an accident involving a head injury,

1.8 serious illness, or treatment of the illness has resulted in hair loss by an applicant for a

1.9 driver's license or identification card, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must permit the applicant to

1.10 wear a hat or similar head wear in the photograph or electronically produced image. The

1.11 hat or head wear must be of an appropriate size and type to allow identification of the holder

1.12 of the license or card and must not obscure the holder's face.

1.13 (b) If an applicant, as a result of serious illness or injury or from the treatment or

1.14 management of an illness or injury, is medically required to maintain continuous coverage

1.15 of the applicant's head or scalp, the commissioner must not require the removal of the

1.16 medically required covering for the photograph or electronically produced image, provided:

1.17 (1) the applicant provides a physician's statement as provided in paragraph (c); and

1.18 (2) the covering does not completely obscure the applicant's face.

1.19 (c) A physician's statement submitted by an applicant under paragraph (b) must (1)

1.20 affirm that the applicant requires continuous coverage of the applicant's head or scalp, (2)

1.21 affirm the applicant must not remove the medically required covering, and (3) indicate

1.22 whether the applicant's condition is temporary or permanent. If the physician's statement

- 2.1 indicates the need for a medical covering on a temporary basis, the applicant must submit
- 2.2 a new photograph upon renewal of the driver's license or identification card.