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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3694

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
- 04/07/2026 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read for the Second Time
- 04/22/2026 Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison with S. F. No. 3888
- 04/23/2026 Postponed Indefinitely

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; permitting tow trucks to use variable message signs;

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.16.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.16, is amended to read:

1.6 **168B.16 FLASHING LIGHT AND VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN ON TOW**

1.7 **TRUCK.**

1.8 (a) A tow truck or towing vehicle must be equipped with flashing or intermittent red

1.9 and amber lights of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety. The lights must

1.10 be placed on the dome of the vehicle at the highest practicable point visible from a distance

1.11 of 500 feet. The flashing red light must be displayed only when the tow truck or towing

1.12 vehicle is engaged in emergency service on or near the traveled portion of a highway. The

1.13 flashing amber light may be displayed when the tow truck or towing vehicle is moving a

1.14 disabled vehicle.

1.15 (b) A tow truck or towing vehicle may display a portable variable message sign mounted

1.16 on the tow truck while performing emergency service on or near the traveled portion of a

1.17 highway. The portable variable message sign must conform to the standards established in

1.18 the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.