

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3844**

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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
- 04/16/2026 Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison with S. F. No. 3637
- 04/20/2026 Postponed Indefinitely

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; clarifying that an optometrist may prescribe certain

1.3 window glazing materials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section

1.4 169.71, subdivision 4a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 169.71, subdivision 4a, is amended

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4a. **Glazing material; exceptions.** (a) Subdivision 4 does not apply to glazing

1.9 materials that:

1.10 (1) have not been modified since the original installation, nor to original replacement

1.11 windows and windshields, that were originally installed or replaced in conformity with

1.12 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 205;

1.13 (2) are required to satisfy prescription or medical needs, provided:

1.14 (i) the vehicle's driver or a passenger possesses a prescription or a physician's or

1.15 optometrist's statement of medical need;

1.16 (ii) the prescription specifically states whether the medical need is a temporary or

1.17 permanent condition;

1.18 (iii) the prescription or statement specifically states the minimum percentage that light

1.19 transmittance may be reduced to satisfy the prescription or medical needs of the patient;

1.20 and

1.21 (iv) the prescription or statement contains an expiration date provided by the physician

1.22 or optometrist, which must be no more than two years after the date the prescription or

2.1 statement was issued, unless an indication is made by the physician or optometrist that the
2.2 driver's condition is permanent and no expiration date is appropriate; or

2.3 (3) are applied to:

2.4 (i) the rear windows of a pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26;

2.5 (ii) the rear windows or the side windows on either side behind the driver's seat of a van
2.6 as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40;

2.7 (iii) the side and rear windows of a vehicle used to transport human remains by a funeral
2.8 establishment holding a license under section 149A.50;

2.9 (iv) the side and rear windows of a limousine as defined in section 168.002, subdivision
2.10 15; or

2.11 (v) the rear and side windows of a police vehicle.

2.12 (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), clause (2), a driver of a vehicle may rely on a
2.13 prescription or physician's or optometrist's statement of medical need issued to a person not
2.14 present in the vehicle if:

2.15 (1) the prescription or physician's or optometrist's statement of medical need is issued
2.16 to (i) the driver's parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or spouse, or (ii) a person
2.17 for whom the driver is a personal care attendant;

2.18 (2) the prescription or physician's or optometrist's statement of medical need specifies
2.19 the make, model, and license plate of one or two vehicles that will have tinted windows;
2.20 and

2.21 (3) the driver is in possession of the prescription or physician's or optometrist's statement
2.22 of medical need.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2025, and
2.24 applies to prescriptions issued on or after that date.