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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2525

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; removing the prohibition on suspending an object between  
1.3 the driver and windshield; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.71,  
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.71, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions generally; exceptions.** (a) A person shall not drive or  
1.8 operate any motor vehicle with:

1.9 (1) a windshield cracked or discolored to an extent to limit or obstruct proper vision;

1.10 ~~(2) any objects suspended between the driver and the windshield, other than:~~

1.11 ~~(i) sun visors;~~

1.12 ~~(ii) rearview mirrors;~~

1.13 ~~(iii) driver feedback and safety monitoring equipment when mounted immediately behind,~~  
1.14 ~~slightly above, or slightly below the rearview mirror;~~

1.15 ~~(iv) global positioning systems or navigation systems when mounted or located near the~~  
1.16 ~~bottommost portion of the windshield;~~

1.17 ~~(v) electronic toll collection devices; and~~

1.18 ~~(vi) an identifying device as provided in section 169.58, subdivision 5, when the device~~  
1.19 ~~is mounted or located near the bottommost portion of the windshield; or~~

1.20 ~~(3) (2)~~ any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield,  
1.21 sidewings, or side or rear windows of the vehicle, other than a certificate or other paper

2.1 required to be so displayed by law or authorized by the state director of the Division of  
2.2 Emergency Management or the commissioner of public safety.

2.3 (b) Paragraph (a), ~~clauses clause (2) and (3), ~~do~~ does~~ not apply to law enforcement  
2.4 vehicles.

2.5 ~~(c) Paragraph (a), clause (2), does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.~~

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.