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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2584

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; amending eligibility and operating requirements for a
1.3 restricted farm work license; making technical and clarifying changes; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.041.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.041, is amended to read:

1.7 171.041 RESTRICTED LICENSE FOR FARM WORK.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Issuance. (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of section 171.04 relating
1.9 to the age of an applicant to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted farm
1.10 work license to operate a motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years
1.11 and who, except for age, is qualified to hold a driver's license. The applicant is not required
1.12 to comply with the six-month instruction permit possession provisions of sections 171.04,
1.13 subdivision 1, clause (2), and 171.05, subdivision 2a, or with the 12-month provisional
1.14 license possession provision of section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (1), item (i).

1.15 (b) The restricted license shall be issued solely for the purpose of authorizing the person
1.16 to whom the restricted license is issued to assist authorizes the person to operate a motor
1.17 vehicle unaccompanied solely while assisting the person's parents or guardians with farm
1.18 work, or performing farm work for hire. A restricted farm work license is a provisional
1.19 license, subject to the requirements of this section and to the accompaniment requirements
1.20 under section 171.05, subdivision 2b, paragraph (b), when the person is not operating a
1.21 motor vehicle for farm work.

2.1 Subd. 2. Limitations and requirements. (a) A person holding the restricted farm work
 2.2 license is subject to the requirements of this subdivision while operating a motor vehicle
 2.3 unaccompanied.

2.4 (b) A person holding ~~this~~ the restricted license may operate a motor vehicle only during
 2.5 daylight hours and only within a radius of ~~20~~ 40 miles of: (1) the parent's or guardian's
 2.6 farmhouse; ~~however, in no case may~~ or (2) for a person who performs farm work for hire,
 2.7 any specified parcel.

2.8 (c) A person holding the restricted license may not operate a motor vehicle in a city of
 2.9 the first class.

2.10 Subd. 3. Application. (a) An applicant for a restricted farm work license ~~shall~~ must
 2.11 apply to the commissioner for the license on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The
 2.12 application ~~shall~~ must be accompanied by:

2.13 (1) one of the following:

2.14 (i) a copy of a property tax statement showing that the applicant's parent or guardian
 2.15 owns land that is classified as agricultural land ~~or~~;

2.16 (ii) a copy of a rental statement or agreement showing that the applicant's parent or
 2.17 guardian rents land classified as agricultural land; or

2.18 (iii) for an applicant who performs farm work for hire:

2.19 (A) evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of the applicant's employment; and

2.20 (B) specification of the parcel or parcels on which the applicant performs farm work;
 2.21 and

2.22 (2) a written verified statement by the applicant's parent or guardian setting forth the
 2.23 necessity for the license.

2.24 (b) The commissioner must provide a process for a person holding the restricted farm
 2.25 work license to revise the specification of parcel or parcels under paragraph (a), clause (1),
 2.26 item (iii).

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, for application and
 2.28 issuance of restricted farm work licenses on and after that date.