

A bill for an act
relating to transportation; requiring driver education instruction relating to
interaction with commercial motor vehicles; requiring modification to driver's
manual; providing for rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections
171.0701; 171.13, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.0701, is amended to read:

171.0701 DRIVER EDUCATION; ~~ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION~~
CONTENT.

(a) The commissioner shall adopt rules requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of instruction, beginning January 1, 2007, relating to organ and tissue donations and the provisions of section 171.07, subdivision 5, for persons enrolled in driver education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools, requiring inclusion in the course of instruction, by January 1, 2009, a section on awareness and safe interaction with commercial motor vehicle traffic. The rules must require classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training that includes, but is not limited to, truck stopping distances, proper distances for following trucks, identification of truck blind spots, and avoidance of driving in truck blind spots.

(c) The rules adopted by the commissioner under paragraph (b) are exempt from the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14. The rules are subject to section 14.386, except

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2.1 that notwithstanding paragraph (b) of section 14.386, the rules continue in effect until
2.2 repealed or superseded by other law or rule.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.13, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.4 to read:

2.5 Subd. 1i. **Driver's manual; defensive driving.** The commissioner shall include
2.6 in each edition of the driver's manual published by the department after August 1, 2008,
2.7 a section that includes information on awareness and safe interaction with commercial
2.8 motor vehicle traffic.