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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; amending a window glazing exception related to
- 1.3 prescription or medical needs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.71,
- 1.4 subdivision 4.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 4. **Glazing material; prohibitions and exceptions.** ~~(a) No~~ A person shall must
- 1.8 not drive or operate any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state of Minnesota
- 1.9 upon any street or highway under the following conditions:
- 1.10 (1) when the windshield is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material which
- 1.11 has the effect of making the windshield more reflective or in any other way reducing light
- 1.12 transmittance through the windshield;
- 1.13 (2) when any window on the vehicle is composed of, covered by, or treated with any
- 1.14 material that has a highly reflective or mirrored appearance;
- 1.15 (3) when any side window or rear window is composed of or treated with any material
- 1.16 so as to obstruct or substantially reduce the driver's clear view through the window or has
- 1.17 a light transmittance of less than 50 percent plus or minus three percent in the visible light
- 1.18 range or a luminous reflectance of more than 20 percent plus or minus three percent; or
- 1.19 (4) when any material has been applied after August 1, 1985, to any motor vehicle
- 1.20 window without an accompanying permanent marking which indicates the percent of
- 1.21 transmittance and the percent of reflectance afforded by the material. The marking must be
- 1.22 in a manner so as not to obscure vision and be readable when installed on the vehicle.

2.1 Subd. 4a. **Glazing material; exceptions.** ~~(b) This~~ (a) Subdivision 4 does not apply to
2.2 glazing materials ~~which~~ that:

2.3 (1) have not been modified since the original installation, nor to original replacement
2.4 windows and windshields, that were originally installed or replaced in ~~conformance~~
2.5 conformity with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 205;

2.6 (2) are required to satisfy prescription or medical needs ~~of the driver of the vehicle or a~~
2.7 ~~passenger if,~~ provided:

2.8 (i) the vehicle's driver or a passenger ~~is in possession of the~~ possesses a prescription or
2.9 a physician's statement of medical need;

2.10 (ii) the prescription or statement specifically states the minimum percentage that light
2.11 transmittance may be reduced to satisfy the prescription or medical needs of the patient;
2.12 and

2.13 (iii) the prescription or statement contains an expiration date, which must be no more
2.14 than two years after the date the prescription or statement was issued; or

2.15 (3) are applied to:

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

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

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

2.21 (iv) the side and rear windows of a limousine as defined in section 168.002, subdivision
2.22 15; or

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

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

2.27 (1) the prescription or physician's statement of medical need is issued to the driver's
2.28 parent, child, grandparent, sibling, or spouse;

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

3.1 (3) the driver is in possession of the prescription or physician's statement of medical
3.2 need.

3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (b) is effective on November 1, 2019.

3.4 Sec. 2. **PRESCRIPTION FOR GLAZED WINDOWS.**

3.5 Until November 1, 2019, for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.71,
3.6 subdivision 4a, paragraph (b), clause (2), a driver of a vehicle may rely on a prescription
3.7 or physician's statement of medical need issued to a person not present in the vehicle if:

3.8 (1) the prescription or physician's statement of medical need is issued to a family member
3.9 of the driver; and

3.10 (2) the driver is in possession of the prescription or physician's statement of medical
3.11 need.

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