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H. F. No. 2219

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to insurance; clarifying no-fault auto coverages for volunteer drivers;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 65B.43, by adding a subdivision;
1.4 65B.47, subdivision 1a; 65B.472, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 65B.43, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 21. **Volunteer driver.** "Volunteer driver" means a person who provides
1.9 transportation services with a personal vehicle, as the term is defined in section 65B.472,
1.10 subdivision 1, for a sponsoring agency without compensation other than reimbursement of
1.11 actual expenses incurred.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 65B.47, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 1a. **Exemptions.** Subdivision 1 does not apply to:

1.14 (1) a commuter van;

1.15 (2) a vehicle being used to transport children as part of a family or group family day
1.16 care program;

1.17 (3) a vehicle being used to transport children to school or to a school-sponsored activity;

1.18 (4) a bus while it is in operation within the state of Minnesota as to any Minnesota
1.19 resident who is an insured as defined in section 65B.43, subdivision 5;

1.20 (5) a passenger in a taxi; ~~or~~

2.1 (6) a taxi driver, provided that this clause applies only to policies issued or renewed on
2.2 or after September 1, 1996, and prior to September 1, 1997; or
2.3 (7) a volunteer driver.

2.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 65B.472, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) Unless a different meaning is expressly made applicable,
2.6 the terms defined in paragraphs (b) through (g) have the meanings given them for the
2.7 purposes of this chapter.

2.8 (b) A "digital network" means any online-enabled application, software, Web site, or
2.9 system offered or utilized by a transportation network company that enables the
2.10 prearrangement of rides with transportation network company drivers.

2.11 (c) A "personal vehicle" means a vehicle that is used by a transportation network company
2.12 driver in connection with providing a prearranged ride and is:

2.13 (1) owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the transportation network company
2.14 driver; and

2.15 (2) not a taxicab, limousine, or for-hire vehicle.

2.16 (d) A "prearranged ride" means the provision of transportation by a driver to a rider,
2.17 beginning when a driver accepts a ride requested by a rider through a digital network
2.18 controlled by a transportation network company, continuing while the driver transports a
2.19 requesting rider, and ending when the last requesting rider departs from the personal vehicle.
2.20 A prearranged ride does not include transportation provided using a taxicab, limousine, or
2.21 other for-hire vehicle.

2.22 (e) A "transportation network company" means a corporation, partnership, sole
2.23 proprietorship, or other entity that is operating in Minnesota that uses a digital network to
2.24 connect transportation network company riders to transportation network company drivers
2.25 who provide prearranged rides.

2.26 (f) A "transportation network company driver" or "driver" means an individual who:

2.27 (1) receives connections to potential riders and related services from a transportation
2.28 network company in exchange for payment of a fee to the transportation network company;
2.29 and

2.30 (2) uses a personal vehicle to provide a prearranged ride to riders upon connection
2.31 through a digital network controlled by a transportation network company in return for
2.32 compensation or payment of a fee.

3.1 The term does not include a volunteer driver.

3.2 (g) A "transportation network company rider" or "rider" means an individual or persons
3.3 who use a transportation network company's digital network to connect with a transportation
3.4 network driver who provides prearranged rides to the rider in the driver's personal vehicle
3.5 between points chosen by the rider.