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H. F. No. 3945

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; increasing fine for using a wireless communications
1.3 device while driving; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.475,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Prohibition on use; penalty.** (a) ~~No~~ A person may operate operating a motor
1.8 vehicle ~~while is prohibited from~~ using a wireless communications device to compose, read,
1.9 or send an electronic message; when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

1.10 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) is subject to the following fines:

1.11 (1) for a first offense, a fine of \$175, plus the amount specified in the uniform fine
1.12 schedule established by the Judicial Council;

1.13 (2) for a second or subsequent time must pay offense, a fine of \$225 \$350, plus the
1.14 amount specified in the uniform fine schedule established by the Judicial Council; and

1.15 (3) for a third or subsequent offense, a fine of \$700, plus the amount specified in the
1.16 uniform fine schedule established by the Judicial Council.

1.17 (c) If an individual causes a collision that results in substantial bodily harm, as defined
1.18 in section 609.02, subdivision 7a, or death of another, as a result of violating paragraph (a),
1.19 the individual is subject to the fine authorized in paragraph (b) multiplied by two.