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H. F. No. 639

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; requiring rulemaking to amend loss of consciousness
1.3 or voluntary control provisions; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. RULEMAKING; LOSS OF VOLUNTARY CONTROL PROVISIONS
1.6 MODIFICATION.

1.7 (a) By July 1, 2026, the commissioner of public safety must amend Minnesota Rules,
1.8 part 7410.2500, subpart 5, by adding an item F, to no longer require an annual physician's
1.9 statement from a driver if:

1.10 (1) a single nonepileptic seizure was responsible for the driver's loss of consciousness
1.11 or voluntary control;

1.12 (2) the driver has been free from episodes of loss of consciousness or voluntary control
1.13 for five years from the date of the incident under clause (1);

1.14 (3) the driver has not been prescribed or taking any antiseizure medication for five years
1.15 from the date of the incident under clause (1); and

1.16 (4) a physician has indicated that no further review of the driver's condition is necessary
1.17 due to the driver being in good health and the risk of reoccurrence for the condition
1.18 responsible for causing a loss of consciousness or voluntary control is minimal.

1.19 (b) By July 1, 2026, the commissioner of public safety must amend Minnesota Rules,
1.20 part 7410.2500, subpart 5, by adding an item G, to no longer require an annual physician's
1.21 statement from a driver if:

2.1 (1) the driver has been free from episodes of loss of consciousness or voluntary control  
2.2 for ten years;

2.3 (2) the driver has not been prescribed or taking any antiseizure medication for ten years;  
2.4 and

2.5 (3) a physician has indicated that no further review of the driver's condition is necessary  
2.6 due to the driver being in good health and the risk of reoccurrence for the condition  
2.7 responsible for causing a loss of consciousness or voluntary control is minimal.

2.8 (c) A review by a physician under Minnesota Rules, part 7410.2500, subpart 5, item F  
2.9 or G, does not apply to a driver who is required to hold a valid medical examiner's certificate  
2.10 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 391.43, and does not constitute a  
2.11 determination of that driver's physical qualifications as required under Code of Federal  
2.12 Regulations, title 49, section 391.41.

2.13 (d) The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.14 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section. Minnesota  
2.15 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.16 14.388.

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

2.18 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.19 \$11,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the driver and vehicle services operating  
2.20 account under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.705, to the commissioner of public safety  
2.21 for the costs of rulemaking under section 1.