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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; increasing penalties for distracted driving violations;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.475, subdivision 2.

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

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

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Subd. 2. **Prohibition on use; penalty.** (a) No person may operate a motor vehicle while

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using a wireless communications device to compose, read, or send an electronic message,

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when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. A person who violates this paragraph must

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pay a fine of \$125. This fine is in addition to the surcharge under section 357.021, subdivision

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(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) a second or subsequent time must pay a fine of

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~~\$225, plus the amount specified in the uniform fine schedule established by the Judicial~~

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~~Council~~ \$300. This fine is in addition to the surcharge under section 357.021, subdivision

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(c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and causes great bodily harm or death to another

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is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes

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committed on or after that date.