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A bill for an act

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relating to youth employment; allowing 16 and 17 year olds to be employed to

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operate certain lawn care equipment; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

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Statutes, chapter 181A.

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

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Section 1. [181A.116] OPERATION OF LAWN CARE EQUIPMENT.

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(a) Notwithstanding section 181A.04, subdivision 5, minors of at least 16 years of age

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may be employed to operate lawn care equipment. For the purposes of this section, "lawn

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care equipment" means lawn trimmers, weed cutters, and machines designed to cut grass

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and weeds that meet safety specifications of the American National Standards

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Institute/Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (ANSI/OPEI) B71.1 2017 definition of

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pedestrian-controlled mowers and ride-on mowers.

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(b) A 16 or 17 year old employed under this section must:

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(1) prior to operating lawn care equipment, be trained in the safe operation of each type

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of lawn care equipment listed in paragraph (a) to be operated by the 16 or 17 year old; and

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(2) wear personal protective equipment, including, but not limited to, safety glasses,

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hearing protection, gloves, safety vest, and work boots, as necessary, at all times when

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operating the lawn care equipment listed in paragraph (a).

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