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A bill for an act

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relating to traffic regulations; modifying vehicle window glazing prohibition;

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eliminating certain exceptions to vehicle window glazing requirements;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.71, subdivision 4.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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Subd. 4. **Glazing material; prohibitions and exceptions.** (a) No person shall drive

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or operate any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state of Minnesota upon any

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street or highway ~~under the following conditions:~~ if:

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(1) ~~when the~~ vehicle's windshield is composed of, covered by, or treated with any

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material which has the effect of making the windshield more reflective or in any other

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way reducing light transmittance through the windshield;

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(2) ~~when~~ any window on the vehicle is composed of, covered by, or treated with any

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material that has a highly reflective or mirrored appearance; or

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(3) ~~when~~ any front side window or rear window of the vehicle is composed of or

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treated with any material so as to obstruct or substantially reduce the driver's clear view

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through the window or has a light transmittance of less than 50 percent plus or minus

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three percent in the visible light range or a luminous reflectance of more than 20 percent

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plus or minus three percent; ~~or.~~

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~~(4) when any material has been applied after August 1, 1985, to any motor vehicle~~

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~~window without an accompanying permanent marking which indicates the percent of~~

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~~transmittance and the percent of reflectance afforded by the material. The marking must~~

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~~be in a manner so as not to obscure vision and be readable when installed on the vehicle.~~

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(b) This subdivision does not apply to glazing materials which:

(1) have not been modified since the original installation, nor to original replacement windows and windshields, that were originally installed or replaced in conformance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 205;

(2) are required to satisfy prescription or medical needs of the driver of the vehicle or a passenger if:

(i) the driver or passenger is in possession of the prescription or a physician's statement of medical need;

(ii) the prescription or statement specifically states the minimum percentage that light transmittance may be reduced to satisfy the prescription or medical needs of the patient; and

(iii) the prescription or statement contains an expiration date, which must be no more than two years after the date the prescription or statement was issued; or

(3) are applied to:

~~(i) the rear windows of a pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26;~~

~~(ii) the rear windows or the side windows on either side behind the driver's seat of a van as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40;~~

~~(iii) the side and rear windows of a vehicle used to transport human remains by a funeral establishment holding a license under section 149A.50;~~

~~(iv) the side and rear windows of a limousine as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 15; or~~

~~(v) the rear and side windows of a police vehicle.~~