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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; increasing fine for using a wireless communications

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device while driving; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.475,

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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 2018, section 169.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Prohibition on use; penalty.** (a) ~~No~~ A person may operate operating a motor

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vehicle ~~while is prohibited from~~ using a wireless communications device to compose, read,

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or send an electronic message, when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

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

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(1) for a first offense, a fine of \$175, plus the amount specified in the uniform fine

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schedule established by the Judicial Council;

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(2) for a second ~~or subsequent time must pay~~ offense, a fine of ~~\$225~~ \$350, plus the

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amount specified in the uniform fine schedule established by the Judicial Council; and

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(3) for a third or subsequent offense, a fine of \$700, plus the amount specified in the

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uniform fine schedule established by the Judicial Council.

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(c) If an individual causes a collision that results in substantial bodily harm, as defined

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in section 609.02, subdivision 7a, or the death of another, as a result of violating paragraph

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(a), the individual is subject to the fine authorized in paragraph (b) multiplied by two.