

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. 3241

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; modifying certain limitations on display of dynamic

1.3 electronic content while operating a motor vehicle; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.4 2024, section 169.471, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.471, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. ~~Television screen~~ **Display of electronic content in vehicle.** ~~No television~~

1.8 ~~screen shall be installed or used in any motor vehicle where images from the screen are~~

1.9 ~~visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle except:~~ (a) For purposes of this

1.10 subdivision:

1.11 (1) "dynamic content" means the following types of electronic media or content stored

1.12 on or displayed by an electronic device: video content, including through video calling,

1.13 video conferencing, or live-streaming; games; content from a software application that is

1.14 interactive in nature or involves ongoing and substantial changes to its graphical display;

1.15 or other content that has the appearance of movement;

1.16 (2) "electronic device" includes but is not limited to a wireless communications device,

1.17 electronic tablet, laptop, digital video player, gaming device, or other portable consumer

1.18 electronics or wearable device with an electronic display; and

1.19 (3) "vehicle interface system" means a component or device for a motor vehicle that:

1.20 (i) provides centralized electronic interface to access and control vehicle features,

1.21 capabilities, and dynamic content, whether or not through digital communication with an

1.22 electronic device; and

2.1 (ii) is affixed to or installed or permanently physically integrated into the vehicle.

2.2 (b) When a motor vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic, as provided under section
2.3 169.475, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), a person is prohibited from operating the vehicle
2.4 while:

2.5 (1) an electronic device displays dynamic content that is visible to the vehicle operator;
2.6 or

2.7 (2) a vehicle interface system displays dynamic content that is visible to the vehicle
2.8 operator and is not directly related to vehicle operation, condition, maintenance, safety, or
2.9 navigation.

2.10 (c) The prohibition in paragraph (b) does not apply to:

2.11 (1) ~~video screens~~ a device or feature installed in a law enforcement ~~vehicles~~ vehicle;

2.12 (2) an electronic device or vehicle interface system used in an authorized emergency
2.13 vehicle while in the performance of official duties;

2.14 ~~(2)~~ (3) a closed-circuit video systems used exclusively to aid the driver's visibility to the
2.15 front, rear, or sides of the vehicle; and

2.16 ~~(3) video screens installed as part of a vehicle control system or~~ (4) a device or feature
2.17 used in intelligent vehicle highway applications;

2.18 (5) a global positioning system or navigation system that is only capable of being used
2.19 for navigation purposes;

2.20 (6) a wireless communications device that is used in conformance with section 169.475,
2.21 subdivision 3; and

2.22 (7) an electronic device while the device provides a solely passive display.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to violations
2.24 committed on or after that date.