

CHAPTER 208—H.F.No. 2697

An act relating to traffic regulations; authorizing use of communications headset by firefighters operating fire department emergency vehicle in emergency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 169.471, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 169.471, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Use of headphones in vehicle.** (a) No person, while operating a motor vehicle, shall wear headphones or earphones ~~which~~ that are used in both ears simultaneously for purposes of receiving or listening to broadcasts or reproductions from radios, tape decks, or other sound-producing or transmitting devices. ~~This section shall not prohibit the use, however, of~~

(b) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit:

(1) the use of a hearing aid devices device by persons in need thereof a person who needs the device;
or

(2) the use of a communication headset by a firefighter while operating a fire department emergency vehicle in response to an emergency.

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Signed by the governor May 16, 2006, 5:00 p.m.