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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 197

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a misdemeanor for traffic violations that
1.3 cause great bodily harm or death to another; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,
1.4 section 169.13, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Careless driving. (a) Any person who operates or halts any vehicle upon any
1.8 street or highway carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner
1.9 that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including the driver or
1.10 passengers of the vehicle, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.11 (b) Any person who operates or halts a light rail transit vehicle carelessly or heedlessly
1.12 in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger
1.13 any property or any person, including the operator or passengers on the light rail transit
1.14 vehicle, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.15 (c) Unless otherwise provided by law, any person who operates or halts any vehicle
1.16 upon any street or highway in violation of this chapter and causes great bodily harm or death
1.17 to another is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2021, and applies to crimes
1.19 committed on or after that date.