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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1422

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing that bus driver is not subject to seat belt fines
1.3 arising out of violations by certain passengers; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2014, section 169.686, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.686, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Seat belt requirement.** (a) Except as provided in section 169.685, a
1.8 properly adjusted and fastened seat belt, including both the shoulder and lap belt when the
1.9 vehicle is so equipped, shall be worn by the driver and passengers of a passenger vehicle,
1.10 commercial motor vehicle, type III vehicle, and type III Head Start vehicle.

1.11 (b) A person who is 15 years of age or older and who violates paragraph (a) is
1.12 subject to a fine of \$25. The driver of the vehicle in which a violation occurs is subject to
1.13 a \$25 fine for each a violation of paragraph (a) by the driver or by a passenger under the
1.14 age of 15, but the court may not impose more than one surcharge under section 357.021,
1.15 subdivision 6, on the driver. The Department of Public Safety shall not record a violation
1.16 of this subdivision on a person's driving record.

1.17 (c) The driver of a bus is not subject to the fine under paragraph (b) for a violation of
1.18 paragraph (a) by a passenger under the age of 15.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to
1.20 violations committed on or after that date.