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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3351

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing for green lights on certain vehicles operated
1.3 by a severe weather spotter; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 169.58,
1.4 by adding a subdivision; 169.64, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.58, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Severe weather spotter.** (a) A severe weather spotter may operate a motor
1.9 vehicle that is equipped with no more than two identification lights if the person:

1.10 (1) is performing duties as a severe weather spotter;

1.11 (2) has parked the motor vehicle; and

1.12 (3) carries a certificate as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d).

1.13 (b) The identification lights under this subdivision:

1.14 (1) must be the color green;

1.15 (2) may be solid, flashing, oscillating, alternating, or rotating; and

1.16 (3) must meet the requirements of the commissioner under section 169.65.

1.17 (c) A sheriff or chief of police shall issue an identification light certificate to a severe
1.18 weather spotter who has completed training in weather spotting provided by the National
1.19 Weather Service or a recognized severe weather identification and reporting organization.

1.20 (d) The commissioner of public safety shall establish a standard identification light
1.21 certificate for use under this subdivision.

1.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.64, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.23 Subd. 3. **Flashing lights.** (a) Flashing lights are prohibited, except:

- 2.1 (1) on an authorized emergency vehicle, school bus, bicycle as provided in section
2.2 169.222, subdivision 6, road maintenance equipment, tow truck or towing vehicle, service
2.3 vehicle, farm tractor, self-propelled farm equipment, rural mail carrier vehicle, or funeral
2.4 home vehicle, ~~or~~;
2.5 (2) on any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, ~~or~~;
2.6 (3) in the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in
2.7 approaching, overtaking, or passing; or
2.8 (4) as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter.
2.9 (b) All flashing warning lights ~~shall~~ must be of the type authorized by section
2.10 169.59, subdivision 4, unless otherwise permitted or required in this chapter.