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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3332

02/13/2020 Authored by Backer and Huot The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; allowing ambulances to not use an audible siren between
1.3 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.17.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.17, is amended to read:

1.6 169.17 EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

1.7 (a) The speed limitations set forth in sections 169.14 to 169.17 do not apply to an
1.8 authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency call. Drivers of all emergency
1.9 vehicles shall sound an audible signal by siren and display at least one lighted red light to
1.10 the front, except that:

1.11 (1) law enforcement vehicles shall sound an audible signal by siren or display at least
1.12 one lighted red light to the front; and

1.13 (2) an ambulance is not required to use an audible signal by siren between the hours of
1.14 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

1.15 (b) This provision does not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from
1.16 the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of persons using the street, nor does it protect
1.17 the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard
1.18 of the safety of others.