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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3947

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring driver education and driver's manual to cover
1.3 distracted driving; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
1.4 sections 171.0701, subdivision 1; 171.0705, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Driver education requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules
1.8 requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of instruction, beginning January 1, 2007, relating to
1.9 organ and tissue donations and the provisions of section 171.07, subdivision 5, for persons
1.10 enrolled in driver education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and
1.11 commercial driver training schools.

1.12 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver education programs
1.13 offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools, requiring
1.14 inclusion in the course of instruction, by January 1, 2009, a section on awareness and safe
1.15 interaction with commercial motor vehicle traffic. The rules must require classroom
1.16 instruction and behind-the-wheel training that includes, but is not limited to, truck stopping
1.17 distances, proper distances for following trucks, identification of truck blind spots, and
1.18 avoidance of driving in truck blind spots.

1.19 (c) By January 1, 2012, the commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver
1.20 education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training
1.21 schools, requiring inclusion in the course of instruction of a section on carbon monoxide
1.22 poisoning. The instruction must include but is not limited to (1) a description of the
1.23 characteristics of carbon monoxide, (2) a review of the risks and potential speed of death

2.1 from carbon monoxide poisoning, and (3) specific suggestions regarding vehicle idling
2.2 practices.

2.3 (d) By January 1, 2019, the commissioner must adopt rules requiring driver education
2.4 programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools
2.5 to include instruction on distracted driving. The instruction must include but is not limited
2.6 to:

2.7 (1) the laws governing distracted driving and the related penalties; and

2.8 (2) the dangers of distracted driving.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 171.0705, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.11 to read:

2.12 Subd. 11. **Distracted driving.** The commissioner must include in each edition of the
2.13 driver's manual a section on distracted driving that includes:

2.14 (1) the laws governing distracted driving and the related penalties; and

2.15 (2) the dangers of distracted driving.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2019.

2.17 Sec. 3. **RULEMAKING.**

2.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 2, applies to section 1.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.