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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; replacing two-wheeled vehicle endorsement with

1.3 motorcycle endorsement; amending requirements to obtain a motorcycle

1.4 endorsement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 169.224, subdivision

1.5 3; 169.974, subdivision 2; 171.06, subdivision 2a; repealing Minnesota Rules, part

1.6 7410.4880, subpart 2.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.224, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 3. **Operation.** (a) A neighborhood electric vehicle or a medium-speed electric

1.10 vehicle may not be operated on a street or highway with a speed limit greater than 35 miles

1.11 per hour, except to make a direct crossing of that street or highway.

1.12 (b) A person may operate a three-wheeled neighborhood electric vehicle without a

1.13 ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle endorsement, provided the person has a valid driver's

1.14 license issued under chapter 171.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.974, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 2. **License endorsement and permit requirements.** (a) No person shall operate

1.17 a motorcycle on any street or highway without having a valid driver's license with a

1.18 ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle endorsement as provided by law. A person may operate

1.19 an auticycle without a ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle endorsement, provided the person

1.20 has a valid driver's license issued under section 171.02.

1.21 (b) The commissioner of public safety shall issue a ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle

1.22 endorsement only if the applicant (1) has in possession a valid ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~

1.23 motorcycle instruction permit as provided in paragraph (c), (2) has passed a written

2.1 examination and road test for either two-wheeled or three-wheeled vehicles administered
2.2 by the Department of Public Safety for the endorsement, and (3) in the case of applicants
2.3 under 18 years of age, presents a certificate or other evidence of having successfully
2.4 completed an approved two-wheeled or three-wheeled vehicle driver's safety course in this
2.5 or another state, in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner of public safety for
2.6 courses offered by a public, private, or commercial school or institute. The commissioner
2.7 of public safety may waive the road test for any applicant on determining that the applicant
2.8 possesses a valid license to operate a two-wheeled or three-wheeled vehicle issued by a
2.9 jurisdiction that requires a comparable road test for license issuance.

2.10 (c) The commissioner of public safety shall issue a ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle
2.11 instruction permit to any person over 16 years of age who (1) is in possession of a valid
2.12 driver's license, (2) is enrolled in an approved two-wheeled or three-wheeled vehicle driver's
2.13 safety course, and (3) has passed a written examination for the permit and paid a fee
2.14 prescribed by the commissioner of public safety. A ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle
2.15 instruction permit is effective for one year and may be renewed under rules prescribed by
2.16 the commissioner of public safety.

2.17 (d) No person who is operating by virtue of a ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~ motorcycle instruction
2.18 permit shall:

2.19 (1) carry any passengers on the streets and highways of this state on the motorcycle
2.20 while the person is operating the motorcycle;

2.21 (2) drive the motorcycle at night; or

2.22 (3) drive the motorcycle without wearing protective headgear that complies with standards
2.23 established by the commissioner of public safety.

2.24 (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d), the commissioner of public safety may issue
2.25 a special motorcycle permit, restricted or qualified as the commissioner of public safety
2.26 deems proper, to any person demonstrating a need for the permit and unable to qualify for
2.27 a driver's license.

2.28 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.06, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

2.29 Subd. 2a. ~~Two-wheeled vehicle~~ **Motorcycle endorsement fee.** (a) The fee for any
2.30 duplicate driver's license obtained for the purpose of adding a ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~
2.31 motorcycle endorsement is increased by \$18.50 for each first such duplicate license and
2.32 \$13 for each renewal thereof. The additional fee must be paid into the state treasury and
2.33 credited as follows:

3.1 (1) \$11 of the additional fee for each first duplicate license, and \$7 of the additional fee
3.2 for each renewal, must be credited to the motorcycle safety fund, which is hereby created;
3.3 and

3.4 (2) the remainder of the additional fee must be credited to the general fund.

3.5 (b) All application forms prepared by the commissioner for ~~two-wheeled vehicle~~
3.6 motorcycle endorsements must clearly state the amount of the total fee that is dedicated to
3.7 the motorcycle safety fund.

3.8 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

3.9 Minnesota Rules, part 7410.4880, subpart 2, is repealed.

**7410.4880 SKILLS TEST FOR MOTORIZED BICYCLE OR THREE-WHEEL
MOTORCYCLE.**

Subp. 2. **Required for three-wheel motorcycle restriction.** The skills test must also be used for applicants testing to add a three-wheeled motorcycle restriction to a Minnesota driver's license.