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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/02/2015	503	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation and Public Safety
03/26/2015	1384	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; governing unconventional vehicles; providing for

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vehicle registration, titling, and operation on streets and highways; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 168.002, subdivision 24; 168A.05, by adding

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a subdivision; 169.011, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law

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in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 168.002, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

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Subd. 24. **Passenger automobile.** (a) "Passenger automobile" means any motor

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vehicle designed and used for carrying not more than 15 individuals, including the driver.

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(b) "Passenger automobile" does not include motorcycles, motor scooters, buses,

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school buses, or commuter vans as defined in section 168.126.

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(c) "Passenger automobile" includes, but is not limited to:

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(1) a vehicle that is a pickup truck or a van as defined in subdivisions 26 and 40;

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(2) neighborhood electric vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 47; ~~and~~

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(3) medium-speed electric vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 39; and

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(4) unconventional vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 89a.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 168A.05, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 10. **Unconventional vehicles; certificate required.** Unconventional

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vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 89a, must be titled as specified in

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section 168A.02. The commissioner shall issue a title for an unconventional vehicle

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(1) having a vehicle identification number or other alphanumeric sequence assigned

2.1 by the manufacturer for the purpose of identifying that vehicle, and (2) for which the  
2.2 requirements under this chapter are met.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.4 to read:

2.5 Subd. 89a. **Unconventional vehicle.** (a) "Unconventional vehicle" means a motor  
2.6 vehicle that:

2.7 (1) has at least three wheels;

2.8 (2) has an unloaded weight of 300 to 8,000 pounds;

2.9 (3) contains a permanent upright seat or saddle for the driver that is mounted at least  
2.10 24 inches from the ground; and

2.11 (4) has a speed attainable in one mile of at least 60 miles per hour on a level paved  
2.12 surface.

2.13 (b) An unconventional vehicle does not include any motor vehicle that is otherwise  
2.14 defined under section 168.002 and able to be registered under chapter 168. The exclusion  
2.15 under this paragraph applies but is not limited to an all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle,  
2.16 motorized bicycle, neighborhood electric vehicle, and medium-speed electric vehicle.

2.17 Sec. 4. **[169.2245] UNCONVENTIONAL VEHICLE.**

2.18 A person may operate an unconventional vehicle on public streets and highways,  
2.19 except on a freeway, as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 19.