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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; amending a window glazing exception related to

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prescription or medical needs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.71,

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subdivision 4.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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Subd. 4. **Glazing material; prohibitions and exceptions.** ~~(a) No~~ A person shall must

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not drive or operate any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state of Minnesota

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upon any street or highway under the following conditions:

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(1) when the windshield is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material which

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has the effect of making the windshield more reflective or in any other way reducing light

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transmittance through the windshield;

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(2) when any window on the vehicle is composed of, covered by, or treated with any

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material that has a highly reflective or mirrored appearance;

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(3) when any side window or rear window is composed of or treated with any material

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so as to obstruct or substantially reduce the driver's clear view through the window or has

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a light transmittance of less than 50 percent plus or minus three percent in the visible light

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range or a luminous reflectance of more than 20 percent plus or minus three percent; or

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(4) when any material has been applied after August 1, 1985, to any motor vehicle

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window without an accompanying permanent marking which indicates the percent of

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transmittance and the percent of reflectance afforded by the material. The marking must be

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in a manner so as not to obscure vision and be readable when installed on the vehicle.

2.1        Subd. 4a. Glazing material; exceptions. ~~(b) This Subdivision 4~~ does not apply to glazing  
2.2 materials ~~which~~ that:

2.3        (1) have not been modified since the original installation, nor to original replacement  
2.4 windows and windshields, that were originally installed or replaced in ~~conformance~~  
2.5 conformity with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 205;

2.6        (2) are required to satisfy prescription or medical needs ~~of the driver of the vehicle or a~~  
2.7 ~~passenger if~~ provided:

2.8        (i) the vehicle's driver or a passenger ~~is in possession of the~~ possesses a prescription or  
2.9 a physician's statement of medical need, and the prescription or statement is available in  
2.10 the vehicle;

2.11        (ii) the prescription or statement identifies the motor vehicle being operated;

2.12        ~~(ii)~~ (iii) the prescription or statement specifically states the minimum percentage that  
2.13 light transmittance may be reduced to satisfy the prescription or medical needs of the ~~patient~~  
2.14 driver or passenger; and

2.15        ~~(iii)~~ (iv) the prescription or statement contains an expiration date, which must be no  
2.16 more than two years after the date the prescription or statement was issued; or

2.17        (3) are applied to:

2.18        (i) the rear windows of a pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26;

2.19        (ii) the rear windows or the side windows on either side behind the driver's seat of a van  
2.20 as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40;

2.21        (iii) the side and rear windows of a vehicle used to transport human remains by a funeral  
2.22 establishment holding a license under section 149A.50;

2.23        (iv) the side and rear windows of a limousine as defined in section 168.002, subdivision  
2.24 15; or

2.25        (v) the rear and side windows of a police vehicle.