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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; imposing petty misdemeanor penalty for certain  
1.3 motor vehicle hit-and-run offenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section  
1.4 169.09, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.09, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 14b. **Violation; penalty for owner or lessee.** (a) If a motor vehicle is  
1.9 operated in violation of subdivision 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, the owner of the vehicle, or for a  
1.10 leased motor vehicle the lessee of the vehicle, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

1.11 (b) The owner or lessee may not be fined under paragraph (a) if:

1.12 (1) the owner, lessee, or another person is convicted for that violation; or

1.13 (2) the motor vehicle was stolen at the time of the violation.

1.14 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a lessor of a motor vehicle if the lessor keeps a  
1.15 record of the name and address of the lessee.

1.16 (d) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit or limit the prosecution of a motor vehicle  
1.17 operator for violating subdivision 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7.

1.18 (e) A violation under paragraph (a) does not constitute grounds for revocation or  
1.19 suspension of the owner's or lessee's driver's license.

1.20 **Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.21 Section 1 is effective August 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or  
1.22 after that date.