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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; requiring driver's license endorsement to operate
1.3 three-wheeled motorcycle; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.974,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.974, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **License endorsement and permit requirements.** (a) No person shall
1.8 operate a two-wheeled motorcycle on any street or highway without having a valid
1.9 standard driver's license with a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement as provided by law. The
1.10 commissioner of public safety shall issue a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement only if the
1.11 applicant (1) has in possession a valid two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit as provided
1.12 in paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c), (2) has passed a written examination and road test administered by
1.13 the Department of Public Safety for the endorsement, and (3) in the case of applicants
1.14 under 18 years of age, presents a certificate or other evidence of having successfully
1.15 completed an approved two-wheeled vehicle driver's safety course in this or another state,
1.16 in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner of public safety for courses offered
1.17 by a public, private, or commercial school or institute. The commissioner of public safety
1.18 may waive the road test for any applicant on determining that the applicant possesses a
1.19 valid license to operate a two-wheeled vehicle issued by a jurisdiction that requires a
1.20 comparable road test for license issuance.

1.21 (b) No person shall operate a three-wheeled motorcycle on any street or highway
1.22 without having a valid standard driver's license with a three-wheeled vehicle restriction
1.23 or two-wheeled vehicle endorsement. The commissioner of public safety shall issue
1.24 a three-wheeled vehicle restriction only if the applicant (1) has in possession a valid

2.1 two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit as provided in paragraph (c), (2) has passed a
2.2 written examination and road test administered by the Department of Public Safety
2.3 for the restriction, and (3) in the case of applicants under 18 years of age, presents a
2.4 certificate or other evidence of having successfully completed an approved two-wheeled
2.5 or three-wheeled vehicle driver's safety course in this or another state, in accordance
2.6 with rules adopted by the commissioner of public safety for courses offered by a public,
2.7 private, or commercial school or institute. The commissioner of public safety may waive
2.8 the road test for any applicant on determining that the applicant possesses a valid license
2.9 to operate a three-wheeled vehicle issued by a jurisdiction that requires a comparable road
2.10 test for license issuance.

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

2.17 ~~(c)~~ (d) No person who is operating by virtue of a two-wheeled vehicle 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;

2.22 (3) drive the motorcycle on any highway marked as an interstate highway pursuant
2.23 to title 23 of the United States Code; or

2.24 (4) drive the motorcycle without wearing protective headgear that complies with
2.25 standards established by the commissioner of public safety.

2.26 ~~(d)~~ (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), (b), ~~or~~ (c), or (d), the commissioner of public
2.27 safety may issue a special motorcycle permit, restricted or qualified as the commissioner
2.28 of public safety deems proper, to any person demonstrating a need for the permit and
2.29 unable to qualify for a standard driver's license.