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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; exempting medical service personnel from
1.3 prohibition on use of headphones while operating ambulance; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.471, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.471, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Use of headphones in vehicle.** (a) No person, while operating a motor
1.8 vehicle, shall wear headphones or earphones that are used in both ears simultaneously for
1.9 purposes of receiving or listening to broadcasts or reproductions from radios, tape decks,
1.10 or other sound-producing or transmitting devices.

1.11 (b) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit:

1.12 (1) the use of a hearing aid device by a person who needs the device; ~~or~~

1.13 (2) the use of a communication headset by a firefighter while operating a fire
1.14 department emergency vehicle in response to an emergency; or

1.15 (3) the use of a communication headset by an emergency medical services person
1.16 while operating an ambulance subject to section 144E.101.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.