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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

February 5, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

March 5, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; authorizing mounting global positioning systems on
1.3 windshields; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.71, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.71, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions generally; exceptions.** (a) A person shall not drive or
1.7 operate any motor vehicle with:

1.8 (1) a windshield cracked or discolored to an extent to limit or obstruct proper vision;

1.9 (2) any objects suspended between the driver and the windshield, other than:

1.10 (i) sun visors ~~and~~;

1.11 (ii) rearview mirrors;

1.12 (iii) global positioning systems or navigation systems when mounted or located near

1.13 the bottommost portion of the windshield; and

1.14 (iv) electronic toll collection devices; or

1.15 (3) any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield,

1.16 sidewings, or side or rear windows of the vehicle, other than a certificate or other paper

1.17 required to be so displayed by law or authorized by the state director of the Division of

1.18 Emergency Management or the commissioner of public safety.

1.19 (b) Paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), do not apply to law enforcement vehicles.

1.20 (c) Paragraph (a), clause (2), does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.