State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 380

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to transportation; increasing fines for certain traffic violations around

1.3   school buses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.444, subdivision 2.

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

1.5   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.444, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6   Subd. 2. **Violations by drivers; penalties.** (a) A person who fails to stop a vehicle or

1.7   to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is guilty of

1.8   a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ~~$300~~ $500.

1.9   (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person fails to stop a motor vehicle

1.10   or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, and

1.11   commits either or both of the following acts:

1.12   (1) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand,

1.13   passenger-door side of the bus; or

1.14   (2) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle when a school child is

1.15   outside of and on the street or highway used by the school bus or on the adjacent sidewalk.

1.16   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to violations

1.17   committed on and after that date.