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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 145

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; amending a window glazing exception related to
1.3 prescription or medical needs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.71,
1.4 subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Glazing material; prohibitions and exceptions.** ~~(a) No~~ A person shall must
1.8 not drive or operate any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state of Minnesota
1.9 upon any street or highway under the following conditions:

1.10 (1) when the windshield is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material which
1.11 has the effect of making the windshield more reflective or in any other way reducing light
1.12 transmittance through the windshield;

1.13 (2) when any window on the vehicle is composed of, covered by, or treated with any
1.14 material that has a highly reflective or mirrored appearance;

1.15 (3) when any side window or rear window is composed of or treated with any material
1.16 so as to obstruct or substantially reduce the driver's clear view through the window or has
1.17 a light transmittance of less than 50 percent plus or minus three percent in the visible light
1.18 range or a luminous reflectance of more than 20 percent plus or minus three percent; or

1.19 (4) when any material has been applied after August 1, 1985, to any motor vehicle
1.20 window without an accompanying permanent marking which indicates the percent of
1.21 transmittance and the percent of reflectance afforded by the material. The marking must be
1.22 in a manner so as not to obscure vision and be readable when installed on the vehicle.

2.1 Subd. 4a. **Glazing material; exceptions.** ~~(b)~~ This Subdivision 4 does not apply to glazing
2.2 materials ~~which~~ that:

2.3 (1) have not been modified since the original installation, nor to original replacement
2.4 windows and windshields, that were originally installed or replaced in ~~conformance~~
2.5 conformity with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 205;

2.6 (2) are required to satisfy prescription or medical needs ~~of the driver of the vehicle or a~~
2.7 passenger if, provided:

2.8 (i) the vehicle's driver or a passenger is in possession of the possesses a prescription or
2.9 a physician's statement of medical need, and the prescription or statement is available in
2.10 the vehicle;

2.11 (ii) the prescription or statement identifies the motor vehicle being operated;

2.12 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) the prescription or statement specifically states the minimum percentage that
2.13 light transmittance may be reduced to satisfy the prescription or medical needs of the ~~patient~~
2.14 driver or passenger; and

2.15 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) the prescription or statement contains an expiration date, which must be no
2.16 more than two years after the date the prescription or statement was issued; or

2.17 (3) are applied to:

2.18 (i) the rear windows of a pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26;

2.19 (ii) the rear windows or the side windows on either side behind the driver's seat of a van
2.20 as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40;

2.21 (iii) the side and rear windows of a vehicle used to transport human remains by a funeral
2.22 establishment holding a license under section 149A.50;

2.23 (iv) the side and rear windows of a limousine as defined in section 168.002, subdivision
2.24 15; or

2.25 (v) the rear and side windows of a police vehicle.