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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1438

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; establishing a restricted disabled relative license;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

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

1.5 Section 1. 171.0411 RESTRICTED DISABLED RELATIVE LICENSE.

1.6 (a) For purposes of this section, "relative" means the applicant's grandparent, parent,
1.7 sibling, or legal guardian, including adoptive, half, step, and in-law relationships, who has
1.8 a disability that makes it difficult to drive or who does not have a driver's license due to a
1.9 disability.

1.10 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of section 171.04 relating to the age of an applicant
1.11 to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted disabled relative license to operate
1.12 a motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years and who, except for age,
1.13 is qualified to hold a driver's license. The applicant is not required to comply with the
1.14 six-month instruction permit possession provisions of sections 171.04, subdivision 1, clause
1.15 (2), and 171.05, subdivision 2a, or with the 12-month provisional license possession provision
1.16 of section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (1), item (i).

1.17 (c) The restricted disabled relative license must be issued solely for the purpose of
1.18 authorizing the person to whom the restricted license is issued to assist the person's relative
1.19 with transportation necessary for daily living, including but not limited to driving to and
1.20 from work, appointments, shopping, or errands.

1.21 (d) A person holding a restricted disabled relative license may operate a motor vehicle
1.22 between 5 a.m. and midnight and only within a radius of 40 miles of the relative's residence.

2.1 (e) An applicant for a restricted disabled relative license must apply to the commissioner
2.2 on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by a written
2.3 verified statement by the applicant's relative setting forth the reason the applicant is qualified
2.4 for the restricted license.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024, and applies to applications
2.6 submitted on or after that date.