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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 266

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; amending requirements governing use of  
1.3 high-occupancy lanes by operators of certain electric vehicles; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 160.93, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision;  
1.5 169.011, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.93, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Prohibition; penalty.** (a) No person may operate a single-occupant  
1.9 vehicle in a designated high-occupancy vehicle lane or dynamic shoulder lane, except in  
1.10 compliance with the requirements of the commissioner or as otherwise provided in this  
1.11 section.

1.12 (b) A person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and is  
1.13 subject to sections 169.89, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4, and 169.891 and any other provision  
1.14 of chapter 169 applicable to the commission of a petty misdemeanor traffic offense.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.93, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.16 to read:

1.17 Subd. 6. **Electric vehicles.** (a) A person who is a single occupant may operate the  
1.18 following in a priced lane, designated high-occupancy vehicle lane, or dynamic shoulder  
1.19 lane:

1.20 (1) an all-electric vehicle, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 1a; or

1.21 (2) a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 54a.

1.22 (b) The commissioner may require use of a toll-collection device for vehicles

1.23 operated under this subdivision. The commissioner may impose a monthly service or

2.1 subscription fee in the same manner as is charged to other users under this section, but  
2.2 may not charge a per trip or use fee for operation in a lane.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.4 to read:

2.5 Subd. 1a. **All-electric vehicle.** (a) "All-electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that  
2.6 (1) is solely able to be powered by an electric motor drawing current from rechargeable  
2.7 storage batteries, fuel cells, or other portable sources of electrical current, and (2) meets  
2.8 or exceeds applicable regulations in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 571, and  
2.9 successor requirements.

2.10 (b) All-electric vehicle excludes a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.