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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; amending regulation of motor vehicle height; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.81, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.81, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Height.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) this subdivision, no
1.7 vehicle unladen or with load shall exceed a height of 13 feet six inches.

1.8 (b) A double-deck bus may not exceed a height of 14 feet three inches. Any carrier
1.9 operating a double-deck bus exceeding 13 feet six inches shall obtain from the commissioner,
1.10 with respect to highways under the commissioner's jurisdiction, and from local authorities,
1.11 with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, an annual permit to operate the bus upon
1.12 any highway under the jurisdiction of the party granting the permit. Annual permits shall
1.13 be issued in accordance with applicable provisions of section 169.86. The fee for an annual
1.14 permit issued by the commissioner is as provided in section 169.86, subdivision 5.

1.15 (c) A vehicle that is equipped with a device designed to remove snow and ice from the
1.16 vehicle's roof may not exceed a height of 14 feet. A permit is not required to operate a
1.17 vehicle under this paragraph.