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Introduction and first reading  
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; requiring commissioner of public safety to adopt rules

1.3 for driver's education programs and the driver's manual on safe interactions with

1.4 law enforcement officials and safely responding to emergencies; establishing the

1.5 Driver's Education Content Task Force; appropriating money; requiring rulemaking;

1.6 requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 171.0701,

1.7 subdivision 1; 171.0705, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.10 Subdivision 1. **Driver education requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules

1.11 requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of instruction, beginning January 1, 2007, relating to

1.12 organ and tissue donations and the provisions of section 171.07, subdivision 5, for persons

1.13 enrolled in driver education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and

1.14 commercial driver training schools.

1.15 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver education programs

1.16 offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools, requiring

1.17 inclusion in the course of instruction, by January 1, 2009, a section on awareness and safe

1.18 interaction with commercial motor vehicle traffic. The rules must require classroom

1.19 instruction and behind-the-wheel training that includes, but is not limited to, truck stopping

1.20 distances, proper distances for following trucks, identification of truck blind spots, and

1.21 avoidance of driving in truck blind spots.

1.22 (c) By January 1, 2012, the commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver

1.23 education programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training

1.24 schools, requiring inclusion in the course of instruction of a section on carbon monoxide

2.1 poisoning. The instruction must include but is not limited to (1) a description of the  
 2.2 characteristics of carbon monoxide, (2) a review of the risks and potential speed of death  
 2.3 from carbon monoxide poisoning, and (3) specific suggestions regarding vehicle idling  
 2.4 practices.

2.5 (d) The commissioner must adopt rules requiring driver's education programs offered  
 2.6 at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training schools to include  
 2.7 instruction on how to safely interact with law enforcement officials during traffic stops and  
 2.8 how drivers should safely respond to emergency situations related to operation of a vehicle.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2020.

2.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.0705, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 2.11 to read:

2.12 Subd. 11. **Driver's manual; safe police contacts.** The commissioner must include in  
 2.13 each subsequent edition of the driver's manual published by the department a chapter on  
 2.14 how to safely interact with law enforcement officials during traffic stops and how drivers  
 2.15 should safely respond to emergency situations related to operation of a vehicle.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2020.

2.17 Sec. 3. **DRIVER'S EDUCATION CONTENT TASK FORCE.**

2.18 Subdivision 1. **Task force establishment; duties; report.** (a) A Driver's Education  
 2.19 Content Task Force is established to consider adding content to driver's education curriculum  
 2.20 and to the driver's manual on how to safely interact with law enforcement officials during  
 2.21 traffic stops and how drivers should safely respond to emergency situations related to  
 2.22 operation of a vehicle. The task force must:

2.23 (1) make recommendations on how to implement these changes;

2.24 (2) propose content for addition to both driver's education curriculum and the driver's  
 2.25 manual; and

2.26 (3) propose any legislation necessary to implement these changes.

2.27 (b) By February 15, 2020, the task force must submit a report to the chairs, ranking  
 2.28 minority members, and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation  
 2.29 policy and finance. The report must include the recommendations, proposed content, and  
 2.30 proposed legislation developed under paragraph (a).

2.31 Subd. 2. **Members.** The task force consists of the following members:

3.1 (1) two senators, including one senator appointed by the senate majority leader and one  
3.2 senator appointed by the senate minority leader;

3.3 (2) two members of the house of representatives, including one member appointed by  
3.4 the speaker of the house and one member appointed by the minority leader;

3.5 (3) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee;

3.6 (4) the chief of the State Patrol or the chief's designee;

3.7 (5) one member appointed by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;

3.8 (6) one member appointed by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

3.9 (7) one member appointed by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association;

3.10 (8) one member appointed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota;

3.11 (9) one member appointed by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board;

3.12 (10) one member appointed by the NAACP;

3.13 (11) one member representing the councils of color, appointed by the director of the  
3.14 Legislative Coordinating Commission;

3.15 (12) one member representing driving schools, appointed by the commissioner of public  
3.16 safety;

3.17 (13) one member appointed by the Minneapolis Urban League; and

3.18 (14) one community member representing community concerns, appointed by the  
3.19 governor.

3.20 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) Each appointing entity under subdivision 2 must make  
3.21 appointments by July 1, 2019.

3.22 (b) The commissioner of public safety must convene the initial meeting of the task force  
3.23 no later than August 1, 2019. At the initial meeting, the members of the task force must  
3.24 elect a chair or cochair from among the task force members.

3.25 (c) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide meeting space, administrative  
3.26 support, and staff support for the task force.

3.27 (d) Members of the task force serve without compensation or payment of expenses.

3.28 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force under this section expires February 15, 2020, or the  
3.29 day after the report required under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), is submitted, whichever is  
3.30 earlier.

4.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.2 Sec. 4. **CONSULTATION.**

4.3 The commissioner of public safety must consider the task force report submitted under  
4.4 section 3: (1) as a comment submitted in response to the request for comments for the  
4.5 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, authorized under  
4.6 section 1; and (2) during the next driver's manual revision under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.7 171.0705, subdivision 11.

4.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2020.

4.9 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION.**

4.10 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative  
4.11 Coordinating Commission to pay expenses, including expenses of administrative and staff  
4.12 support, related to the task force described under section 3.

4.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.