

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; requiring instruction on defensive driving training
1.3 and inclusion of defensive driving techniques in the driver's manual; providing
1.4 rulemaking authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 171.0701;
1.5 171.13, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.0701, is amended to read:

1.8 **~~171.0701 DRIVER EDUCATION; ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION~~**
1.9 **CONTENT.**

1.10 (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of
1.11 instruction, beginning January 1, 2007, relating to organ and tissue donations and the
1.12 provisions of section 171.07, subdivision 5, for persons enrolled in driver education
1.13 programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training
1.14 schools.

1.15 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for persons enrolled in driver education
1.16 programs offered at public schools, private schools, and commercial driver training
1.17 schools, requiring inclusion in the course of instruction, by January 1, 2009, a section
1.18 on defensive driving, including but not limited to classroom instruction content and
1.19 behind-the-wheel training on defensive driving techniques.

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.13, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.21 to read:

2.1 Subd. 1i. **Driver's manual; defensive driving.** The commissioner shall include in
2.2 each edition of the driver's manual published by the department after August 1, 2008, a
2.3 section that includes information on defensive driving techniques and best practices.

2.4 Sec. 3. **DRIVER EDUCATION; CURRICULUM, RULEMAKING.**

2.5 (a) In developing the defensive driving course of instruction requirements under
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, the commissioner of public safety may request
2.7 curriculum development assistance and use donated materials from any organization that
2.8 has experience in traffic safety issues, including but not limited to charitable organizations,
2.9 for-profit businesses, local units of government, and federal agencies.

2.10 (b) The rules adopted by the commissioner of public safety under Minnesota
2.11 Statutes, section 171.0701, paragraph (b), are exempt from the rulemaking provisions
2.12 of chapter 14. The rules are subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, except that
2.13 notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, paragraph (b), the rules continue in
2.14 effect until repealed or superseded by other law or rule.