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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1501

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; traffic regulations; providing for optional community  
1.3 service in lieu of a monetary fine for certain violations; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 169.89, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.89, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Petty misdemeanor penalty; no jury trial.** A person charged with a petty  
1.8 misdemeanor is not entitled to a jury trial but shall be tried by a judge without a jury. If  
1.9 convicted, the person is not subject to imprisonment but shall, at the discretion of the  
1.10 person charged, be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or up to eight hours of  
1.11 community service.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to  
1.13 violations committed on or after that date.