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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1578

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; amending eligibility for restricted drivers' licenses for
1.3 farm work; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.041.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.041, is amended to read:

1.6 171.041 RESTRICTED LICENSE FOR FARM WORK.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of section 171.04 relating to the age of an applicant
1.8 to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted farm work license to operate a
1.9 motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years and who, except for age, is
1.10 qualified to hold a driver's license. The applicant is not required to comply with the six-month
1.11 instruction permit possession provisions of sections 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (2), and
1.12 171.05, subdivision 2a, or with the 12-month provisional license possession provision of
1.13 section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (1), item (i).

1.14 (b) The restricted license must be issued solely for the purpose of authorizing the person
1.15 to whom the restricted license is issued to assist the person's parents or guardians with farm
1.16 work. An individual may perform farm work under the restricted license for any entity
1.17 authorized to farm under section 500.24. A person holding this restricted license may operate
1.18 a motor vehicle only during daylight hours and only within a radius of 40 miles of the
1.19 parent's or guardian's farmhouse on the farm where the person is working.

1.20 (c) An applicant for a restricted license must apply to the commissioner for the license
1.21 on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by:

2.1 (1) a copy of a property tax statement showing that the applicant's parent ~~or~~, guardian,
2.2 or employer owns land that is classified as agricultural land or a copy of a rental statement
2.3 or agreement showing that the applicant's parent or guardian rents land classified as
2.4 agricultural land; ~~and~~

2.5 (2) a written verified statement by the applicant's parent or guardian setting forth the
2.6 necessity for the license; and

2.7 (3) if the applicant is not working for a parent or guardian, a written verified statement
2.8 by the farm owner setting forth the necessity for the license.