

Minnesota Driver and Traffic Safety Education

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Chairmen Hornstein and Dibble along with Conferees,

The Minnesota Driver Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA) is the voice of driver educators from every region of the state. We **support** two provisions (Article 8 Sections 2 **Advisory Council on Traffic Safety** and Section 39 **Teleconference Driver Education Authorization**) of the Senate's version of HF 2887.

Advisory Council on Traffic Safety

Driver educators **should have a place** on the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. MDTSEA members bring a unique perspective on how best to address traffic safety concerns. By **adding a MDTSEA** representative to the Advisor Council a broader perspective will **strengthen** this important entity.

Teleconference Driver Education Authorization

The use of modern distance learning (**real time two way audio and video instruction in a virtual classroom**) made the delivery of classroom driver education during the Covid era possible. **Modern technology** made it possible to **successfully** deliver classroom instruction with **full interaction** between students and their teacher.

The experience during Covid has **demonstrated** that **teacher led**, real time interactive electronic classrooms **work** in delivering classroom driver education. The provisions in the Senate version of **HF 2887's Article 8 Section 39 need to be included in the final version** of the Conference Committee's report. Driver Education programs should be given an option to deliver the classroom portion of driver education via teacher led instruction using virtual real time classrooms.

Sincerely,



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