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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 aeronautics; requiring certain use of a transponder in aircraft flight;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 360.018, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 360.018, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 13. Aircraft operation; transponder. (a) No person may operate an aircraft in
1.8 the navigable air space overlying the state without an operable and activated transponder
1.9 that automatically transmits responses to air traffic control radar interrogation.

1.10 (b) In consultation with the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner may issue
1.11 an exemption from the requirements under this subdivision upon making a determination
1.12 of cause due to an identified compelling security concern or extraordinary circumstances.

1.13 Each exemption must be:

1.14 (1) by application submitted in the manner specified by the commissioner;

1.15 (2) for operation of a single aircraft on a specified date; and

1.16 (3) limited to (i) a geographic area only as necessary for the purposes of the flight, and
1.17 (ii) a period that does not exceed the necessary flight time between two identified locations
1.18 or the duration of an identified activity necessitating the exemption.

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