

1.1 Koznick and Tabke from the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy to which
1.2 was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 3785, A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying definitions and
1.4 registration requirements for motorized bicycles and motorcycles powered by electric motors;
1.5 requiring sellers of certain motorized bicycles and motorcycles powered by electric motors
1.6 to have a dealer license; prohibiting certain vehicles from using public roads; amending
1.7 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.787, subdivision 7; 84.788, subdivision 12; 168.27,
1.8 subdivision 1; 169.011, subdivisions 40b, 45; 169.02, subdivision 1; 169.223, by adding a
1.9 subdivision; 169.974, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section
1.10 168.27, subdivision 22.

1.11 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.12 Page 1, delete section 1

1.13 Page 2, line 6, delete "or liquid fuel" and after "motor" insert "or an internal combustion
1.14 engine"

1.15 Page 2, line 11, delete everything after "when" and insert "registered under section
1.16 84.788 and operated on designated off-highway motorcycle trails."

1.17 Page 2, line 12, before "Off-highway" insert "(c)"

1.18 Page 2, line 29, reinstate the stricken language

1.19 Page 3, line 30, after "bicycle" insert "as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 20"

1.20 Page 5, after line 6, insert:

1.21 "Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.27, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

1.22 Subd. 24. **Bonds.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, all persons
1.23 licensed according to this section shall keep in full force and effect a bond with a corporate
1.24 surety to be approved by the registrar of motor vehicles in the following amounts; in the
1.25 case of boat trailer, snowmobile trailer, or horse trailer ~~or motorized bicycle~~ dealers, or
1.26 dealers in trailers with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity under 15,000 pounds designed

to transport small construction or farm equipment, in the amount of \$5,000; and as to all other persons in the amount of \$50,000. The bond must be conditioned on the faithful performance by the licensee of the obligations imposed on persons engaged in motor vehicle transactions by the laws of this state, including the conduct required of a licensee by this section and other sections governing the sale or transfer of motor vehicles, and the payment of all taxes, license fees, and penalties. The bond must be for the benefit of the state of Minnesota and any transferor, seller, or purchaser of a motor vehicle for any monetary loss caused by failure of the licensee to meet the obligations enumerated above. Proceedings on the forfeiture of the bonds must be commenced in the district court of the county wherein the business of the licensed person was carried on, or if in more than one county, the county in which the offense occurred. This subdivision does not apply to a used vehicle parts dealer or a scrap metal processor.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to:

(1) a dealer in new trailers designed to transport small construction or farm equipment in any year following a year in which the dealer had less than \$500,000 in gross receipts from the sale of such trailers; or

(2) a dealer in new trailers designed to transport small construction or farm equipment who has been a dealer in such trailers for less than one year and who the department reasonably determines will have gross receipts of less than \$500,000 during the first year of business."

Page 5, after line 17, insert:

"Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, subdivision 44, is amended to read:

Subd. 44. **Motorcycle.** (a) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having that:

(1) has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and;

(2) is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
including; and

(3) is propelled by an electric or liquid fuel motor.

(b) Motorcycle includes but is not limited to a vehicle under paragraph (a) that has an electric motor of at least 1,500 watts, motor scooters, and autocycles.

(c) A vehicle is not a motorcycle does not include if it meets the requirements of (1) a motorized bicycles bicycle as defined in subdivision 45, (2) an electric-assisted bicycles

3.1 bicycle as defined in subdivision 27, (3) a motorized foot scooter, (4) a tractor, or (4) (5) a
3.2 roadable aircraft."

3.3 Page 6, delete lines 6 to 8 and insert:

3.4 "(b) A vehicle must not be operated upon the highways of Minnesota if it does not meet
3.5 the specifications of a vehicle as defined in section 169.011 in addition to the definition
3.6 under section 169.011, subdivision 92, either as that vehicle was originally manufactured
3.7 or subsequently modified."

3.8 Page 6, line 12, after "bicycle" insert ": (1)"

3.9 Page 6, line 14, delete the period and insert "; or"

3.10 Page 6, after line 14, insert:

3.11 "(2) has been certified by the vehicle manufacturer for compliance with SAE International
3.12 standard J2929 or a similar applicable electrical safety standard approved by the
3.13 commissioner of public safety."

3.14 Page 6, line 18, delete everything after "by" and insert "the vehicle manufacturer for
3.15 compliance with: (1) the latest revision of SAE International standard J2929; or (2) a similar
3.16 applicable standard from SAE International, International Organization for Standardization
3.17 (ISO), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), or International
3.18 Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), or another electrical safety standard. A standard under
3.19 clause (2) must be approved by the commissioner of public safety."

3.20 Page 6, delete lines 19 and 20

3.21 Renumber the sections in sequence

3.22 Correct the title numbers accordingly

3.23 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
3.24 on Ways and Means.

3.25 This Committee action taken March 25, 2026

3.26, Co-Chair

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