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Overview

This bill would (1) provide for classroom and behind-the-wheel driver instruction to take place concurrently, (2) direct rulemaking, and (3) establish a task force on driver education standards.

Section

- 1** **Persons less than 18 years of age.** Allows a person to get a driving instruction permit when taking classroom and behind-the-wheel concurrently, following at least 15 hours of classroom instruction (and when other requirements are met). Under current law, a person must complete the classroom portion and be enrolled in behind-the-wheel in order to obtain a permit.
- 2** **Rulemaking.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to adopt administrative rules on concurrent driver's education. Exempts the rules from the regular rulemaking process, which is under an exemption procedure that includes approval by the Office of Administrative Hearings and publishing the rule in the State Register.
- 3** **Novice Driver Education Improvement Task Force.** Establishes a task force to review Minnesota driver education programs in comparison with national standards. Identifies task force membership, sets processes for appointment and convening, requires staffing from the Department of Public Safety, and requires a legislative report on recommendations for changes due August 31, 2015.
- 4** **Appropriations.** Appropriates an amount to be filled in, from an unnamed source, to the Department of Public Safety for the costs of the provisions in the bill.

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5 **Effective date.** Sets effective dates for the provisions, including June 1, 2014, for the concurrent driver's education provision, and sets expiration for the task force.