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Overview

This is the 2016 public safety policy and finance omnibus bill.

Section

- 1 **Violations by drivers; penalties.** Amends traffic violations under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.444, by increasing the minimum fine from \$300 to \$500. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.444, it is a misdemeanor to fail to stop for a school bus displaying a stop arm or illegally pass on the right of a school bus flashing amber lights. **[H.F. 1948]**
- 2 **Violations; driving without a valid license.** Sets increased penalties for some repeated offenses and injury and death situations where a person operates a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license (which under current law is generally a misdemeanor). It:
 - makes it a gross misdemeanor for operating without a valid license if the person causes a collision resulting in substantial bodily harm (which is a temporary but substantial loss, impairment, fracture, or disfigurement) or a person's death;
 - makes it a gross misdemeanor for a third or subsequent operating without a valid license conviction within a ten-year period; and
 - sets minimum fines, with a provision for community service in cases of financial hardship, of (1) \$750 for a second conviction, and (2) \$1,500 for third or subsequent convictions.

The section also permits, in addition to conviction under the section of statutes on driving without a valid license, conviction for other violations arising from the driving conduct. **[H.F. 3385]**

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- 3** **Sensory testing research.** Allows sensory testing services to possess and serve alcohol as part of their business operations. **[H.F. 3369]**
- 4** **Transfer; appropriation.** Transfers \$1,000,000 from the MINNCOR revolving fund to the general fund.