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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4259

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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 motor vehicles; eliminating requirement for new Minnesota residents
1.3 to take driver's license written knowledge examination; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2020, section 171.13, subdivision 1a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 171.13, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. Waiver when license issued by another jurisdiction. (a) If the commissioner
1.8 determines that an applicant 21 years of age or older possesses a valid driver's license issued
1.9 by another state or jurisdiction that requires a comparable examination for obtaining a
1.10 driver's license, the commissioner may must waive the requirement requirements that the
1.11 applicant pass a written knowledge examination and demonstrate ability to exercise ordinary
1.12 and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle on determining that the applicant
1.13 possesses a valid driver's license issued by a jurisdiction that requires a comparable
1.14 demonstration for license issuance.

1.15 (b) If the commissioner determines that an applicant 21 years of age or older possesses
1.16 a valid driver's license with a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement issued by another state or
1.17 jurisdiction that requires a comparable examination for obtaining the endorsement, the
1.18 commissioner must waive the requirements that the applicant for a two-wheeled vehicle
1.19 endorsement pass a written knowledge examination and demonstrate the ability to exercise
1.20 ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.

1.21 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "jurisdiction" includes, but is not limited to, both
1.22 the active and reserve components of any branch or unit of the United States armed forces,
1.23 and "valid driver's license" includes any driver's license that is recognized by that branch

2.1 or unit as currently being valid, or as having been valid at the time of the applicant's
2.2 separation or discharge from the military within a period of time deemed reasonable and
2.3 fair by the commissioner, up to and including one year past the date of the applicant's
2.4 separation or discharge.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to applications
2.6 made on or after that date.