

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 737

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/27/2025	198	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation
02/06/2025	289	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; imposing mandatory fines for violations of the school

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bus stop arm law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.444, subdivision

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.444, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Violations by drivers; penalties.** (a) A person who fails to stop a vehicle or

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to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is guilty of

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a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of: (1) not less than \$500; (2) not less than \$700 for a

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violation occurring within ten years of a prior violation; or (3) not less than \$950 for a

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violation occurring within ten years of two or more prior violations.

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(b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person fails to stop a motor vehicle

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or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, and

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commits either or both of the following acts:

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(1) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand,

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passenger-door side of the bus; or

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(2) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle when a school child is

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outside of and on the street or highway used by the school bus or on the adjacent sidewalk.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to violations

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occurring on or after that date.