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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **492**

- 01/28/2019 Authored by Dettmer, Nornes, Koznick, Johnson, Grossell and others  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division
- 02/28/2019 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
- 03/14/2019 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read for the Second Time
- 03/20/2019 By motion, re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 03/25/2019 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time
- 05/20/2019 Pursuant to Rule 4.20, returned to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 02/26/2020 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a misdemeanor for traffic violations that

1.3 cause great bodily harm or death to another; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019

1.4 Supplement, section 169.13, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 169.13, subdivision 2, is amended

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Careless driving.** (a) Any person who operates or halts any vehicle upon any

1.9 street or highway carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner

1.10 that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including the driver or

1.11 passengers of the vehicle, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.12 (b) Any person who operates or halts a light rail transit vehicle carelessly or heedlessly

1.13 in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger

1.14 any property or any person, including the operator or passengers on the light rail transit

1.15 vehicle, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.16 (c) Unless otherwise provided by law, any person who operates or halts any vehicle

1.17 upon any street or highway in violation of this chapter and causes great bodily harm or death

1.18 to another is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.19 (d) A person charged with or cited for a violation of paragraph (c) who is not arrested,

1.20 taken into custody, and detained until the person's first court appearance must be issued a

1.21 summons for a court appearance. Notwithstanding section 609.101, subdivision 4, the

1.22 Judicial Council may not include a violation of paragraph (c) on the Statewide Payables

1.23 List.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies to crimes  
2.2 committed on or after that date.

2.3 Sec. 2. **SHORT TITLE AND CITATION.**

2.4 Section 1 may be cited as "Brooklyn Larson's Law."