

Call to Action

The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working for legislative change to **protect the viability of volunteer driver programs** in Minnesota.

Our Goals

We strive to eliminate barriers for volunteer drivers and to ease the financial burden imposed by current tax requirements on mileage reimbursement received by volunteers.

Challenges We've Identified

In 2018, volunteer drivers in Minnesota provided more than **168,000 rides** for older adults and other non-drivers, giving them access to healthcare and other essential community services and products. Organizations with volunteer driver programs served at least **77,474 people** in 2018 and drivers covered more than **9.5 million miles**.

Organizations that provide rides or transport for meals or donated organs have faced increasing barriers to recruiting and retaining volunteers. Programs face two major issues:

1. Some auto insurance carriers are increasing their insurance rates on volunteer drivers, treating them like for-hire taxicab or Uber/Lyft drivers.
2. Volunteers must pay federal and state income tax on mileage reimbursement received over the IRS-set rate of 14 cents per mile when the total reimbursement exceeds \$600 a year.

How This Legislation Helps

HF 2377/SF 2324 will provide these changes to address the barriers individual drivers and organizations face:

- Clearly **define a volunteer driver** in law as not "for-hire."
- Protect volunteer drivers from **increased insurance rates**.
- Create a state income tax subtraction for volunteer drivers to **reduce their tax liability** in Minnesota.
- **Cap the liability** of nonprofit organizations that offer volunteer driver services at \$1.5 million.



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COALITION

We seek passage of

HF 2377
SF 2324

to protect the valuable
resource of
volunteer drivers

We cannot afford to lose
Minnesota's 1,959 volunteer drivers

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