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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3974

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
03/12/2020 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing a county to establish speed limits under
1.3 certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section
1.4 169.14, subdivision 5h.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 169.14, subdivision 5h, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5h. Speed limits on city streets and county highways. (a) A city may establish
1.9 speed limits for city streets under the city's jurisdiction other than the limits provided in
1.10 subdivision 2 without conducting an engineering and traffic investigation. This subdivision
1.11 does not apply to town roads, county highways, or trunk highways in the city.

1.12 (b) A county may establish speed limits for county highways under the county's
1.13 jurisdiction other than the limits provided in subdivision 2 without conducting an engineering
1.14 and traffic investigation.

1.15 (c) A city political subdivision that establishes speed limits pursuant to this section must
1.16 implement speed limit changes in a consistent and understandable manner. The city political
1.17 subdivision must erect appropriate signs to display the speed limit. A city political subdivision
1.18 that uses the authority under this subdivision must develop procedures to set speed limits
1.19 based on the city's political subdivision's safety, engineering, and traffic analysis. At a
1.20 minimum, the safety, engineering, and traffic analysis must consider national urban speed
1.21 limit guidance and studies, local traffic crashes, pedestrian safety, and methods to effectively
1.22 communicate the change to the public.

- 2.1 (d) Nothing in this subdivision authorizes (1) a city to establish speed limits on town
2.2 roads, county highways, or trunk highways in the city, or (2) a county to establish speed
2.3 limits on city streets, town roads, or trunk highways in the county.