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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 4158

03/22/2018 Authored by Anderson, P., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a grant program to finance railroad grade
1.3 separation projects on trunk highways; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 219.

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

1.6 Section 1. [219.0165] RAIL GRADE SEPARATION ON TRUNK HIGHWAYS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Program established. A rail grade separation financing program is
1.8 established to reduce the risk of accidents or delays on trunk highways due to railroad grade
1.9 crossings.

1.10 Subd. 2. Account established. A rail grade separation account is established in the trunk
1.11 highway fund and consists of money as provided by law, and any other money donated,
1.12 allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the account. Money in the account is
1.13 appropriated to the commissioner of transportation to finance part or all of eligible projects
1.14 as provided in this section.

1.15 Subd. 3. Eligible projects. A project may be funded under this section if the project is
1.16 for trunk highway purposes and is to predesign, design, engineer, acquire right-of-way, and
1.17 construct or upgrade a grade separated crossing between the trunk highway and the railroad.

1.18 Subd. 4. Criteria for prioritizing projects. The commissioner of transportation must
1.19 establish criteria for determining which projects to implement and how to implement each.
1.20 The commissioner must consider:

1.21 (1) roadway traffic volumes and speeds;

1.22 (2) train volumes and speeds;

- 2.1 (3) adjacent land use;
- 2.2 (4) crash history;
- 2.3 (5) use of the crossing by emergency vehicles; and
- 2.4 (6) use of the crossing by vehicles carrying hazardous materials.