

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to traffic regulations; prohibiting intersection gridlock; imposing petty
1.3 misdemeanor penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.15.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.15, is amended to read:

1.6 **169.15 IMPEDING TRAFFIC; INTERSECTION GRIDLOCK.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Impeding traffic; drive at slow speed.** No person shall drive a
1.8 motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable
1.9 movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in
1.10 compliance with law or except when the vehicle is temporarily unable to maintain a greater
1.11 speed due to a combination of the weight of the vehicle and the grade of the highway.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Intersection gridlock; stop or block traffic.** No driver of a motor
1.13 vehicle shall enter an intersection controlled by a semaphore until the vehicle is able to
1.14 move completely through the intersection without impeding or blocking the subsequent
1.15 movement of cross traffic, unless such movement is at the direction of a city-authorized
1.16 traffic-control agent or a police officer or to facilitate passage of an authorized emergency
1.17 vehicle. A violation of this subdivision does not constitute grounds for suspension or
1.18 revocation of the violator's driver's license.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2010, and applies to acts
1.20 committed on or after that date.