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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil liability; limiting liability of motor vehicle operators for harm
1.3 caused to certain persons who are injured while illegally blocking a roadway;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[604A.45] LIMITED LIABILITY; BLOCKING A ROADWAY.**

1.7 No pedestrian who obstructs a roadway in violation of section 609.74 or any other
1.8 applicable statute shall have a cause of action against the operator of a motor vehicle for
1.9 any injury, death, loss, or damage resulting from an act or omission by the operator of the
1.10 motor vehicle if:

1.11 (1) the injury, death, loss, or damage is caused by the operator's use of force with the
1.12 motor vehicle in order to retreat or escape from the pedestrian obstructing the roadway; and

1.13 (2) the operator reasonably believes that the operator or a passenger in the motor vehicle
1.14 is in immediate danger of imminent death, bodily injury, or serious bodily harm.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to causes
1.16 of action accruing on or after that date.