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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1778

02/27/2019 Authored by Elkins, Nash, Hornstein and Xiong, J., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
03/18/2019 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; allowing cities of the first class to establish city speed
1.3 limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.14, subdivision 5.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.14, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. Zoning within local area. (a) When local authorities believe that the existing
1.7 speed limit upon any street or highway, or part thereof, within their respective jurisdictions
1.8 and not a part of the trunk highway system is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under
1.9 existing conditions, they may request the commissioner to authorize, upon the basis of an
1.10 engineering and traffic investigation, the erection of appropriate signs designating what
1.11 speed is reasonable and safe, and the commissioner may authorize the erection of appropriate
1.12 signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat, which speed limit shall be
1.13 effective when such signs are erected. Any speeds in excess of these speed limits shall be
1.14 prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful;
1.15 except that any speed limit within any municipality shall be a maximum limit and any speed
1.16 in excess thereof shall be unlawful. Alteration of speed limits on streets and highways shall
1.17 be made only upon authority of the commissioner except as provided in paragraph (b) and
1.18 subdivision 5a.

1.19 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a city of the first class, as defined in section 410.01,
1.20 may establish speed limits for roads under the city's jurisdiction other than the limits provided
1.21 in subdivision 2. A city of the first class that establishes speed limits pursuant to this section
1.22 must implement speed limit changes in a consistent and understandable manner. The city
1.23 must erect appropriate signs to display the speed limit. A city that uses the authority under

- 2.1 this paragraph must develop procedures to set speed limits based on the city's safety,
2.2 engineering, and traffic analysis. At a minimum, the safety, engineering, and traffic analysis
2.3 must consider national urban speed limit guidance and studies, local traffic crashes, and
2.4 methods to effectively communicate the change to the public.