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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1777

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; authorizing cities to reduce speed limits in residential
1.3 areas; 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 subdivision 5a.

1.18 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (7), a local
1.19 road authority may establish a speed limit of less than 30 miles per hour on roads in
1.20 residential areas. The local road authority must erect appropriate signs to display the speed
1.21 limit.