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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4691**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

03/18/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; providing that the Metropolitan Council shall
1.3 indemnify Ramsey County and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for
1.4 excess liability resulting from rail-related incidents occurring at Union Depot in
1.5 the city of St. Paul; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.6 383A.

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

1.8 Section 1. **383A.51** **UNION DEPOT LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION.**

1.9 (a) Provided that Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority,
1.10 together or separately, procure and maintain insurance to cover a total amount of no less
1.11 than \$50,000,000 in liability arising from rail-related incidents occurring at Union Depot
1.12 in the city of St. Paul, the Metropolitan Council shall, after applying all applicable insurance
1.13 proceeds paid on behalf of Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad
1.14 Authority, indemnify Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority
1.15 for any excess liability arising from rail-related incidents occurring at Union Depot in the
1.16 city of St. Paul up to the amount of the damages limitation established under United States
1.17 Code, title 49, section 28103(a)(2), as indexed under Fixing America's Surface Transportation
1.18 Act, Public Law 114-94, section 11415.

1.19 (b) Insurance procured by Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad
1.20 Authority under paragraph (a) does not constitute a waiver of the liability limits under
1.21 sections 466.04 and 466.06.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.