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A bill for an act

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relating to local government; authorizing single source acquisition of public

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safety equipment; authorizing long-term leasing of public safety equipment;

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proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

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

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Section 1. **[471.3455] PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE OR LEASE.**

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Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Local government" means a statutory or home rule

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charter city, county, town, or fire department, as defined in section 299N.01, subdivision 2.

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(b) "Public safety equipment" means vehicles and specialized equipment used in

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firefighting, ambulance and emergency medical treatment services, rescue, and hazardous

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materials response.

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Subd. 2. **Single source acquisition.** Notwithstanding section 465.71 or 471.345, a

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local government may acquire by purchase or lease new or used public safety equipment

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without competitive bidding or proposals if the equipment is clearly and legitimately

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limited to a single source of supply, and the contract price may be best established by

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direct negotiation.

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Subd. 3. **Long-term leases authorized.** Notwithstanding section 366.095, 410.32,

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412.301, or 465.71, a local government may issue certificates of indebtedness or capital

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notes to acquire new or used public safety equipment by lease for a term of up to 20 years.

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The obligation created by a long-term lease agreement for public safety equipment must

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not be included in the calculation of net debt for purposes of section 475.53, and does not

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constitute debt under any other statutory provision. No election is required in connection

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with the execution of a lease agreement authorized by this section.