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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing a process for towns to establish speed limits
1.3 on town roads; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.14, subdivision
1.4 5h.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.14, subdivision 5h, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5h. Speed limits on city streets and town roads. (a) A city may establish speed
1.8 limits for city streets under the city's jurisdiction other than the limits provided in subdivision
1.9 2 without conducting an engineering and traffic investigation. This subdivision does not
1.10 apply to town roads, county highways, or trunk highways in the city.

1.11 (b) A town may establish speed limits for town roads under the town's jurisdiction other
1.12 than the limits provided in subdivision 2 without conducting an engineering and traffic
1.13 investigation. This subdivision does not apply to city streets, county highways, or trunk
1.14 highways in the town.

1.15 (c) A city or town that establishes speed limits pursuant to this section must implement
1.16 speed limit changes in a consistent and understandable manner. The city or town must erect
1.17 appropriate signs to display the speed limit. A city or town that uses the authority under this
1.18 subdivision must develop procedures to set speed limits based on the city's or town's safety,
1.19 engineering, and traffic analysis. At a minimum, the safety, engineering, and traffic analysis
1.20 must consider national urban speed limit guidance and studies, local traffic crashes, and
1.21 methods to effectively communicate the change to the public. A city's safety, engineering,
1.22 and traffic analysis must also consider national urban speed limit guidance and studies.