

A bill for an act

relating to utilities; regulating certain transmission lines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.243, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.243, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Transmission line.** A high-voltage transmission line longer than one mile with a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more that is located in a city of the first class in a zone within one mile of the transmission line in which population density exceeds 8,000 persons per square mile, and that runs parallel to and is within one-quarter mile of a below-grade bike and walking path that connects with other bike paths along a river, is subject to the provisions of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to all high-voltage transmission lines that have not received a routing permit from the commission as of the effective date of this act.