

A bill for an act

relating to railroads; exempting certain railroad property from storm sewer or storm water utility assessments, levies, or charges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 444.075, by adding a subdivision; 444.20; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 429.

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

Section 1. **[429.055] RAILROADS; STORM SEWER SYSTEM EXEMPTION.**

Railroad tracks and associated rights-of-way, switching yards, bridges, and trestles owned by a railroad company, as defined in section 270.80, subdivision 2, are exempt from a levy, special assessment, or charge for storm sewer and storm water handling systems under this chapter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 444.075, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3m. **Storm water charges; exemption.** Railroad tracks and associated rights-of-way, switching yards, bridges, and trestles owned by a railroad company, as defined in section 270.80, subdivision 2, are exempt from a levy or charge for storm sewers under this section.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 444.20, is amended to read:

444.20 TAXES.

Subdivision 1. **Levy.** The governing body of a municipality may levy a tax on all taxable property within the district in an amount necessary to finance the cost of the improvement, including maintenance and to pay the principal and interest on obligations

2.1 issued pursuant to section 444.19. The tax shall be collected and paid over as other taxes,
2.2 but shall be spread only upon the property described in the ordinance. The tax shall be
2.3 disbursed by the governing body only for the benefit of district as established by the
2.4 ordinance.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Exemption.** Railroad tracks and associated rights-of-way, switching
2.6 yards, bridges, and trestles owned by a railroad company, as defined in section 270.80,
2.7 subdivision 2 , are exempt from a levy or charge under this section.