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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1720

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources  
1.3 for certain monuments maintained by the Department of Transportation;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 161.139.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 161.139, is amended to read:

1.7 **161.139 HIGHWAY DESIGNATION, MEMORIALS; COSTS.**

1.8 (a) The commissioner shall not adopt a design or erect a sign to mark or memorialize  
1.9 a highway or bridge, pursuant to designation by the legislature, unless the commissioner is  
1.10 assured of the availability of funds from nonstate sources sufficient to pay all costs related  
1.11 to designing, erecting, and maintaining the signs. The commissioner may remove a sign  
1.12 that marks or memorializes a highway or bridge as designated by the legislature if:

1.13 (1) the sign requires maintenance, repair, or replacement;

1.14 (2) the commissioner has made a reasonable effort to obtain funds for maintenance,  
1.15 repair, or replacement from nonstate sources; and

1.16 (3) the funds obtained under clause (2) are insufficient to pay all related costs.

1.17 (b) The commissioner shall not adopt a design or erect a memorial marker, including  
1.18 but not limited to monuments and statues, unless the commissioner is assured of the  
1.19 availability of funding from nonstate and nonfederal sources sufficient to pay all costs  
1.20 related to designing, erecting, and maintaining the marker.

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