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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to local government; transportation; requiring temporary halt to all
- 1.3 nonessential travel in the metropolitan transit area during a public health emergency.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **TEMPORARY HALT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.**
- 1.6 (a) The Metropolitan Council shall discourage all nonessential travel on-regular route
- 1.7 transit, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.385, subdivision 1, paragraph (b),
- 1.8 in the metropolitan transit area to curb the spread of the infectious disease known as
- 1.9 COVID-19 during the peacetime public health emergency. The council shall use existing
- 1.10 funds to inform riders that regular route transit should only be used for essential travel,
- 1.11 including getting groceries or medicine, seeking health care, or commuting to work that has
- 1.12 been deemed essential. Information about essential travel shall be posted at all regular bus
- 1.13 and light rail transit stops and on the council's website.
- 1.14 (b) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means any
- 1.15 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the
- 1.16 infectious disease known as COVID-19.
- 1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.