A bill for an act

relating to transportation; requiring the commissioner of transportation to inspect
trains entering the state from Canada; appropriating money; proposing coding for
new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 219.

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

Section 1. [219.3831] RAILROADS; INSPECTION.

Subdivision 1. Inspection required. The commissioner of transportation must inspect
each car of each train entering Minnesota directly from a foreign country prior to the train
being operated in Minnesota. The inspection must include all components of each car that
the commissioner determines would affect the safe operation of the train in Minnesota.

Subd. 2. Operation prohibited; penalty. A railroad subject to inspection under
subdivision 1 must not operate a train in Minnesota unless (1) the train has first been
inspected as required under subdivision 1 and (2) the commissioner has determined that the
train may safely be operated in the state. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. COVID-19 test. In addition to the requirements in subdivisions 1 and 2, each
member of the train crew working on a train as described in subdivision 1 must provide to
the commissioner proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past three days. If
any member of the train crew is unable or unwilling to provide proof of a negative test, the
train must not be operated in Minnesota. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION. This section is effective the day following final
enactment. Subdivision 3 expires the day after all land border crossings between Canada
and Minnesota are open to unrestricted travel.
Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$........ in fiscal year 2021 and $........ in fiscal year 2022 are appropriated from the state fiscal recovery fund to the commissioner of transportation for the inspections required by section 1. These are onetime appropriations.

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