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