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05/01/2024	15774	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to civil liability; limiting liability of motor vehicle operators for harm

1.3caused to certain persons who are injured while illegally blocking a roadway;

1.4proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604A.

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

1.6Section 1. **[604A.45] LIMITED LIABILITY; BLOCKING A ROADWAY.**

1.7No pedestrian who obstructs a roadway in violation of section 609.74 or any other

1.8applicable statute shall have a cause of action against the operator of a motor vehicle for

1.9any injury, death, loss, or damage resulting from an act or omission by the operator of the

1.10motor vehicle if:

1.11(1) the injury, death, loss, or damage is caused by the operator's use of force with the

1.12motor vehicle in order to retreat or escape from the pedestrian obstructing the roadway; and

1.13(2) the operator reasonably believes that the operator or a passenger in the motor vehicle

1.14is in immediate danger of imminent death, bodily injury, or serious bodily harm.

1.15**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to causes

1.16of action accruing on or after that date.