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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2528

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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; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 161.20,
1.3 subdivision 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 161.20, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 4. **Debt collection.** The commissioner shall make reasonable and businesslike
1.7 efforts to collect money owed for licenses, fines, penalties, and permit fees or arising from
1.8 damages to state-owned property or other causes related to the activities of the Department
1.9 of Transportation. The commissioner of public safety shall provide to the commissioner of
1.10 transportation all accident reports involving damage to state-owned infrastructure. The
1.11 commissioner may contract for debt collection services for the purpose of collecting a
1.12 money judgment or legal indebtedness. The commissioner may enter into an agreement
1.13 with the commissioner of public safety to use debt collection services authorized by
1.14 this subdivision when civil penalties relating to the use of highways have been reduced
1.15 to money judgment. Money received as full or partial payment shall be deposited to the
1.16 appropriate fund. When money is collected through contracted services, the commissioner
1.17 may make payment for the service from the money collected. The amount necessary for
1.18 payment of contractual collection costs is appropriated from the fund in which money
1.19 so collected is deposited.