

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to traffic regulations; regulating engine braking on trunk highways;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 169.011, by adding a subdivision;  
1.4 169.67, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.011, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 36a. **Interstate connector.** (a) "Interstate connector" means a segment of  
1.9 a noninterstate trunk highway that (1) is not a freeway, as defined in section 160.02,  
1.10 subdivision 19; (2) has a segment length of no more than three miles; (3) includes at each  
1.11 endpoint of the segment, an interchange with an interstate highway; (4) is built up with at  
1.12 least five visible dwelling houses having property limits situated within 100 feet of the  
1.13 nearest right-of-way limit of the segment, regardless of whether the highway segment is  
1.14 directly accessible to that property; and (5) meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

1.15 (b) A segment identified under paragraph (a) is an "interstate connector" only if  
1.16 an additional interchange directly connecting the two interstate highways identified in  
1.17 paragraph (a), clause (3), is located within three miles of each endpoint of the segment.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.67, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.19 to read:

1.20 Subd. 7. **Engine brake restrictions.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "engine  
1.21 brake" means any device that uses the engine and transmission to impede the forward  
1.22 motion of a motor vehicle by compression of the engine.

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2.1 (b) A statutory or home rule charter city or town may request the commissioner of  
2.2 transportation to prohibit use of an engine brake on an interstate connector during the hours  
2.3 of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Upon submission of the request by the city to the commissioner,  
2.4 the commissioner shall establish the prohibition and erect the appropriate signs.

2.5 (c) A city or town may submit the prohibition request under paragraph (b) only upon  
2.6 publishing notice and posting on the local unit of government Web site, information  
2.7 concerning the proposed prohibition; providing a method for submission of written  
2.8 comments on the proposal; holding a public hearing on the proposal at a reasonable  
2.9 time and location, which may take place at the same time as a regular hearing if public  
2.10 testimony is taken; and adopting a resolution identifying the segment and supporting the  
2.11 engine brake prohibition.

2.12 (d) The operator of a motor vehicle may not use an engine brake on a trunk highway  
2.13 if such brakes are prohibited as provided in this subdivision.