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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/19/2024	11652	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate
03/04/2024	11927a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Transportation

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; authorizing the construction, placement, or maintenance of

1.3 high-voltage transmission lines across or along certain highways; amending

1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.45, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.45, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **High voltage transmission.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, paragraph (a),

1.9 high voltage transmission lines, under the laws of this state or the ordinance of any city,

1.10 may be constructed, placed, or maintained across or along any trunk highway, federally

1.11 aided state trunk highway, controlled access highway, interstate highway, or roadway,

1.12 except as deemed necessary by the commissioner of transportation to protect public safety

1.13 or ensure the proper function of the trunk highway. If the commissioner of transportation

1.14 denies a high voltage electric line collocation request, the reasons for the denial must be

1.15 submitted for review to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees with

1.16 jurisdiction over energy and transportation, the Public Utilities Commission executive

1.17 secretary, and the commissioner of commerce within 90 days of the denial. For the purposes

1.18 of this subdivision, "high voltage transmission line" has the meaning given in sections

1.19 216B.246, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and 216E.01, subdivision 4.