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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to transportation; requiring the commissioner of transportation to inspect

1.3trains entering the state from Canada; appropriating money; proposing coding for

1.4new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 219.

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

1.6Section 1. [219.3831] RAILROADS; INSPECTION.

1.7Subdivision 1. Inspection required. The commissioner of transportation must inspect

1.8each car of each train entering Minnesota directly from a foreign country prior to the train

1.9being operated in Minnesota. The inspection must include all components of each car that

1.10the commissioner determines would affect the safe operation of the train in Minnesota.

1.11Subd. 2. Operation prohibited; penalty. A railroad subject to inspection under

1.12subdivision 1 must not operate a train in Minnesota unless (1) the train has first been

1.13inspected as required under subdivision 1 and (2) the commissioner has determined that the

1.14train may safely be operated in the state. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

1.15Subd. 3. COVID-19 test. In addition to the requirements in subdivisions 1 and 2, each

1.16member of the train crew working on a train as described in subdivision 1 must provide to

1.17the commissioner proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past three days. If

1.18any member of the train crew is unable or unwilling to provide proof of a negative test, the

1.19train must not be operated in Minnesota. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

1.20EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION. This section is effective the day following final

1.21enactment. Subdivision 3 expires the day after all land border crossings between Canada

1.22and Minnesota are open to unrestricted travel.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2021 and \$..... in fiscal year 2022 are appropriated from the state
2.3 fiscal recovery fund to the commissioner of transportation for the inspections required by
2.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 219.3831. These are onetime appropriations.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.