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## State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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

03/07/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

03/12/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; trunk highways; providing for sharing of reports for  
1.3 accidents involving damage to state-owned infrastructure; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2010, section 161.20, subdivision 4.

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

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

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