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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2853**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to legislative procedure; prohibiting final passage of a bill or conference
1.3 committee report on the day it is received by a body, with certain exceptions;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[3.193] PREVENTION OF UNINFORMED LEGISLATORS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Body not to act on day bill received.** A bill or a conference
1.8 committee report may not be considered for final passage during the same legislative day
1.9 on which it was reported to the body, except by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
1.10 members of the body receiving the bill or report. On the final legislative day before a
1.11 constitutionally required adjournment, this requirement may be waived by the affirmative
1.12 vote of 40 members of the senate for senate consideration or the affirmative vote of 80
1.13 members of the house of representatives for house consideration, or by an executive order
1.14 of the governor that refers to the specific senate file number or house file number. If this
1.15 requirement is waived, the body must not act on final passage before a minimum of one
1.16 hour has passed from the time the bill or conference committee report was received by
1.17 the body.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Amendments.** Amending substantially equivalent provisions from a
1.19 noncomplying bill or conference committee report onto a complying bill for the purpose
1.20 of evading the requirements of subdivision 1 is also a violation of subdivision 1.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Accountability.** If a body violates this section, the member presiding at
1.22 the time of the violation is personally accountable for the violation. No other member is
1.23 responsible or accountable for a violation.