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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/04/2014	5957	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation and Public Safety
03/13/2014	6207	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

A bill for an act
relating to metropolitan transit; requiring Metropolitan Council to adopt
standards for light rail vehicles; requiring Transportation Accessibility Advisory
Committee approval of vehicle standards; requiring report; proposing coding for
new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

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

Section 1. **[473.4056] LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT VEHICLE DESIGN.**

Subdivision 1. **Adoption of standards.** (a) By January 1, 2015, the Metropolitan Council shall adopt and may thereafter amend standards for the design of light rail vehicles that are reasonably necessary to provide access for, and to protect the health and safety of, persons who use the service. All light rail transit vehicles procured on and after January 1, 2015, must conform to the standards then in effect.

(b) The Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee must review and approve the standards and all subsequent amendments before the Metropolitan Council adopts them.

(c) The Metropolitan Council shall post adopted standards, including amendments, on its Web site.

Subd. 2. **Minimum standards.** Standards adopted under this section must include, but are not limited to:

(1) two dedicated spaces for wheelchair users in each car;

(2) seating for a companion adjacent to each wheelchair-dedicated space; and

(3) further specifications that meet or exceed the standards established in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sec. 2. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPORT REGARDING TRANSIT VEHICLE DESIGN.**

2.1 By February 15, 2015, the Metropolitan Council shall report to the chairs and
2.2 ranking minority members of the committees and divisions in the house of representatives
2.3 and senate with jurisdiction over transportation policy and budget concerning the cost of
2.4 adapting light rail transit vehicles currently in the fleet to the standards adopted by the
2.5 council under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4056.