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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2852

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; mass transit; transit fares; establishing a distance-based
1.3 fare surcharge pilot program for replacement service transit providers.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DISTANCE-BASED FARE SURCHARGE; PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Pilot program authorized.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
1.7 section 473.408, subdivision 2a, or any other law to the contrary, replacement service
1.8 transit providers operating under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.388, may establish a
1.9 pilot program that adds a distance-based surcharge to standard transit fares.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Pilot program restrictions.** (a) A replacement service transit provider
1.11 exercising its authority under subdivision 1 may only impose a distance-based surcharge
1.12 on routes with a total length greater than 15 miles.

1.13 (b) Any distance-based surcharge imposed must be prorated on the basis of the
1.14 distance traveled by the rider paying the surcharge.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Reporting requirements.** By August 1 of each year a pilot program is
1.16 in effect, the replacement service transit provider imposing the distance-based surcharge
1.17 shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives
1.18 and senate committees having jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance a
1.19 report detailing the activities of the pilot program. The report shall include information
1.20 specifying the total revenue collected from the distance-based surcharge and the average
1.21 surcharge collected per rider, analyzing any impact the surcharge has had on the fare
1.22 policy considerations under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.408, subdivision 2, and any
1.23 other information requested by the chairs of the house of representatives and senate
1.24 committees having jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
- 2.2 and expires on January 1, 2016.