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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2876

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring video cameras to record light rail transit vehicle
1.3 operators; requiring a report on light rail transit safety features; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 473.4056, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.4056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

1.10 (2) seating for a companion adjacent to at least two wheelchair-dedicated spaces; and

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

1.13 (4) a camera that is capable of recording the light rail transit vehicle operator and the
1.14 interior of the vehicle in the vicinity of the operator.

1.15 EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section is effective the day following
1.16 final enactment and applies to light rail transit vehicles procured on and after August 1,
1.17 2019. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
1.18 Scott, and Washington.

1.19 Sec. 2. LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SAFETY FEATURES STUDY.

1.20 By November 15, 2019, the Metropolitan Council must submit a report on light rail
1.21 transit safety features to the members and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction

2.1 over transportation policy and finance. The council must use existing resources to create  
2.2 the report. At a minimum, the report must:

2.3 (1) evaluate additional safety features that are not currently incorporated into design and  
2.4 specifications of the Southwest light rail transit project, including review of:

2.5 (i) equipment and features of light rail transit vehicles; and

2.6 (ii) infrastructure related to the interaction of light rail transit vehicles with motor vehicles,  
2.7 nonmotorized traffic, and pedestrians; and

2.8 (2) based on the evaluation under clause (1), identify changes incorporated into or  
2.9 proposed for the Southwest light rail transit project.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
2.11 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,  
2.12 Scott, and Washington.