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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3740

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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; establishing certain safety zone requirements governing  
1.3 rail service colocation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.3994, by  
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.3994, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 5a. Colocation requirements. (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "adequate  
1.9 safety zone" means territory that:

1.10 (1) consists of railroad or public right-of-way for at least 50 feet from each side of  
1.11 the centerline of railroad track, as measured perpendicular to the track; and

1.12 (2) other than railroad or light rail transit facilities, is not occupied by dwellings,  
1.13 buildings, or bikeways, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 9.

1.14 (b) A responsible authority is prohibited from constructing a light rail transit facility  
1.15 that collocates light rail transit service with freight rail service, whether using the same rail  
1.16 track or operating in the same right-of-way, unless the project provides an adequate safety  
1.17 zone for any segment of track in which service is colocated.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section is effective the day following  
1.19 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,  
1.20 Scott, and Washington.