

Subject Speed safety camera pilot program
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Overview

This bill creates a pilot program that authorizes the Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and local road authorities to perform speed enforcement using speed safety cameras in designated work zones and school zones.

The provisions are generally effective June 1, 2023, and the pilot program expires June 30, 2028.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Speed safety camera data. Creates a cross reference in the data practices statutes.
2	Civil actions. Prevents imposition of a law library fee for speeding citations under the pilot program.
3	Civil fee assessment. Prevents imposition of a law library fee for speeding citations under the pilot program.
4	Speed safety camera system. Defines “speed safety camera system” in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.
5	Local authority. Makes a conforming change.

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6	<p>Radar; speed-measuring device; standards of evidence.</p> <p>Clarifies that a speed safety camera system can be used as evidence of a speeding violation. Limits use of the evidence.</p>
7	<p>Speed safety camera; penalty.</p> <p>Establishes a petty misdemeanor offense for the owner or lessee of a vehicle that is identified as violating the speed limit through the use of a speed safety camera system under the pilot program being established. Sets a fine of \$40, or \$80 if the speed is 20 miles per hour or higher above the limit. Authorizes waiving the citation for a first-time offender following completion of a traffic safety course.</p>
8	<p>Speed safety camera; limitations.</p> <p>Establishes circumstances when the vehicle owner is not subject to a speed citation under the pilot program, including for stolen, transferred, and leased vehicles.</p>
9	<p>Speed safety camera; expiration.</p> <p>Sets a June 30, 2028, expiration of the petty misdemeanor under the pilot program.</p>
10	<p>[Adds § 169.147] Speed safety camera pilot program.</p> <p>Establishes a pilot program for speed enforcement in specified locations using speed safety camera systems.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Pilot program established; implementation authority. Directs MnDOT and DPS to implement the speed safety pilot program, and authorizes local road authorities (e.g., cities and counties) to participate.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Implementation schedule. Sets a schedule of various dates for aspects of pilot program development, enforcement activities, evaluation, and conclusion, including to authorize camera-based enforcement from June 1, 2023, to October 31, 2027.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Locations. Specifies that speed safety camera systems can be placed in trunk highway work zones and near certain school zones. Requires placement in at least two trunk highway work zones.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Speed safety camera system requirements and standards. Paragraph (a) limits the information recorded and retained by speed safety camera systems.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) directs MnDOT and DPS to create speed safety camera system standards, including on placement, training, calibration, and inspections.</p>

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Subd. 6. Third-party agreements. Authorizes agreements with a private entity. Prohibits payment to a private entity based on number of violations or citations issued.

Subd. 7. Public notification; warnings. Requires public information on the pilot program. Directs pilot program participants (e.g., MnDOT and local units of government) to place signage at each pilot program site. Requires warnings instead of citations for the first 30 days of implementation by a pilot program participant.

Subd. 8. Speed enforcement agents. Provides for designation of speed enforcement agents, which includes peace officers and other employees of the pilot program participants.

Subd. 9. Citations. Authorizes speed enforcement agents to issue speeding citations under the pilot program. Sets conditions for citation issuance, including that a speed violation must be at least ten miles per hour in excess of the posted limit.

Subd. 10. Uniform citation. Provides for a uniform design of citations for violations under the pilot program.

Subd. 11. Traffic safety course. Directs MnDOT and DPS to create a traffic safety course on speeding and other safety topics.

Subd. 12. Driver's license; driving record. Prohibits license suspension or revocation for a speeding violation under the pilot program. Prohibits DPS from recording the violation on the person's driving record.

Subd. 13. Data practices; general requirements. Provides for data practices under the pilot program, including to classify the data and establish requirements for a private entity.

Subd. 14. Data practices; destruction of data. Provides timelines and conditions for destruction of speed safety camera system data.

Subd. 15. Pilot program evaluation methodology. Requires a standardized methodology to enable evaluation of the pilot program.

Subd. 16. Independent evaluation. Directs MnDOT and DPS to arrange an independent evaluation of the pilot program. Specifies aspects of the evaluation and required submission to the legislature.

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	<p>Subd. 17. Legislative report. Requires a legislative report on the pilot program and identifies contents to include.</p> <p>Subd. 18. Not rulemaking. Establishes that the pilot program requirements and standards developed by MnDOT and DPS are not considered rulemaking.</p> <p>Subd. 19. Expiration. Sets a June 30, 2028, expiration of the pilot program.</p>
11	<p>Form. Makes a conforming change.</p>
12	<p>Failure to pay fine. Prohibits driver's license suspension for failure to pay a fine for a speeding violation under the pilot program.</p>
13	<p>Surcharges on criminal and traffic offenders. Prevents imposition of a court surcharge for speeding citations under the pilot program.</p>
14	<p>Speed safety camera pilot program; appropriation. Appropriates an amount to be specified from the general fund for the pilot program.</p>



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