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relating to transportation; providing financial assistance for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in trunk highway rest areas; appropriating money.

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

## Section 1. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; TRUNK HIGHWAY REST AREAS; APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.770, subdivision 1, paragraph (j), and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, including any law prohibiting the servicing of vehicles or the conduct of private business on the right-of-way of a trunk highway, \$2,100,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the renewable development account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of transportation for the purpose of contracting or providing financial assistance for the purchase, installation, operation, and maintenance of fee-based and free electric vehicle charging stations located at trunk highway rest areas. The commissioner of transportation may use up to three percent per fiscal year of this appropriation to pay for reasonable costs incurred to administer this section. This is a onetime appropriation, and is available until expended.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 1.