

Subject Traffic safety provisions

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Overview

This bill contains a variety of provisions and appropriations related to traffic and road safety.

Article 1: Traffic Safety Policy

This article has various policy provisions.

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| 1 | <p>[Adds § 4.076] Advisory Council on Traffic Safety.
Establishes an Advisory Council on Traffic Safety.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definition. Defines a term.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Establishment. Establishes the advisory council and specifies its general purpose.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Membership; chair. Specifies advisory council membership and provides for a rotating chair.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Duties. Specifies duties of the advisory council.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Administration. Sets administrative requirements and organizational authority for the advisory council.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Student training.
Makes a conforming change.</p> |
| 3 | <p>[Adds § 123B.935] Active transportation safety training.
Establishes requirements on active transportation safety training. Effective August 1, 2023.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Training required. Requires school districts to provide active transportation safety training for students in kindergarten through grade 8.</p> |

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	<p>Specifies general training topics, which are divided into groupings of student grade levels.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Deadlines. Establishes deadlines by which students must receive the training, based on student enrollment dates.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Instruction. Allows for remote instruction. Provides direction on student accommodations.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Model program. Directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to maintain training materials.</p>
4	<p>[Adds § 169.065] Safe road zones. Establishes a process for designation of safe road zones.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definition. Defines a term.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Establishment. Provides authority and direction to MnDOT on designating a street or highway segment as a safe road zone, following request of a local official.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Implementation. Identifies types of safety and response measures for a designated safe road zone.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Traffic enforcement. Directs the Department of Public Safety to coordinate with local law enforcement for enhanced traffic enforcement in a safe road zone.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Program information. Directs MnDOT to maintain a website with information on safe road zones.</p>
5	<p>Speed limits in safe road zone. Authorizes MnDOT to set a temporary or permanent speed limit on roads in a safe road zone.</p>
6	<p>Passing. Requires clearance when passing a bicycle of the greater of three feet or half of the passing vehicle's width, unless passing in a separate lane. Makes technical changes, to modernize language.</p>

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7	<p>Riding rules.</p> <p>Amends various operating rules for bicyclists, including to permit bicyclists to proceed straight through an intersection from the left side of a dedicated right-hand turn lane.</p>
8	<p>Prohibition on use; penalty.</p> <p>Revises a prohibition on wireless communications device (e.g., cell phone) use to also prohibit holding a device in a hand while driving.</p>
9	<p>Exceptions.</p> <p>Makes a conforming change.</p>
10	<p>Traffic safety report.</p> <p>Requires an annual legislative report on the safety of roads and the transportation system. Specific report contents.</p>
11	<p>Speed violations disposition analysis.</p> <p>Encourages the Office of the Legislative Auditor to analyze traffic citation enforcement activity and disposition changes over recent years.</p>
12	<p>Safety enforcement pilot program.</p> <p>Authorizes a pilot program for speed enforcement using cameras in work zones and high-risk pedestrian zones.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Pilot program authority. Authorizes MnDOT and DPS to implement speed enforcement through speed safety cameras, in work zones and high-risk pedestrian zones.</p> <p>Subd. 3. General requirements. Specifies pilot program operations schedule; identifies minimum locations; and set various requirements, including on training and inspection, signage, and information on a website.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Enforcement. Authorizes peace officers to allow for the issuance of speeding citations-based speed safety cameras. Sets conditions and limitations.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Agreements. Authorizes agreements with a private entity. Prohibits payment to a private entity based on number of violations or citations issued.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Consultation. Identifies entities that MnDOT and DPS must consult with in designing and implementing the pilot program.</p>

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Subd. 7. Data practices; general requirements. Provides for data practices related to speed safety cameras, including to classify the data and establish requirements for a private entity.

Subd. 8. Data practices; destruction of data. Provides timelines and conditions for destruction of speed safety camera system data.

Subd. 9. Recording certain violations. Prevents some driving record exemptions for commercial driver's license holders issued a citation under the pilot program.

Subd. 10. 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.

Subd. 11. Expiration. Sets a February 1, 2026, expiration of the pilot program.

13 **Legislative report; speed safety cameras.**

Require a legislative report on speed safety camera policies, which is due by February 1, 2026. Specifies report contents, including information on results from the pilot program under section 12 of this article.

Article 2: Appropriations

This article contains a variety of appropriations related to provisions in Article 1 as well as other initiatives, generally in amounts to be determined. The appropriations are for:

- the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety;
- safe road zones;
- the safety enforcement pilot program;
- grants for local units of government for enhanced traffic safety enforcement activities;
- and
- speed reduction efforts on rural high-risk roadways.



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