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Overview

This bill clarifies some aspects of the Land Planning Act and eliminates outdated or erroneous references. It also permits the Metropolitan Council to establish a private nonprofit foundation to acquire land for public recreation and open space and to provide up to \$500,000 for that purpose. The bill also permits the Council to transfer up to \$1 million from the livable communities demonstration account to the planning assistance fund in 2007.

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- 1** **Plan review.** This section clarifies that the requirement that an agency approve or deny a written request within 60 days does not apply to the Metropolitan Council's review of comprehensive plans of local government units.
- 2** **Hearing eliminated; references updated.** Eliminates the option for a local governmental unit submitting a comprehensive plan or for other affected local governmental units to request a hearing prior to the Met Council's response to the plan. Changes the 1976 session law reference to the land planning act to the statutory reference.
- 3** **Eliminates reference.** Eliminates a reference to a subdivision providing for the adoption of interim ordinances in the statutory description of the land planning act.
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- 6** **Metropolitan systems statements.** Eliminates reference to system plan amendments made

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prior to January 1, 1978. Clarifies that the Met Council must prepare and transmit system statements when it updates or revises its comprehensive development guide or when it amends or modifies a metropolitan system plan. Clarifies that a local unit of government has three years after receipt of a system statement in conjunction with a decennial review to review its comprehensive plan.

- 7 **Corrects references.** Corrects references to the advisory metropolitan land use committee and the administrative law judge. Also permits extension of the 60-day period for holding a hearing by mutual consent.
- 8 **Clarifies time limits.** Clarifies time allowed for local governmental unit's response to metropolitan system statements. Also provides that affected special districts must receive copies of proposed plans of local government units. Eliminates references to a subdivision providing for the adoption of interim ordinances in the statutory description of the land planning act.
- 9 **Eliminates reference.** Eliminates a reference to a subdivision providing for the adoption of interim ordinances in the statutory description of the land planning act.
- 10 **Extension of time for hearing.** Permits extension of the 60-day period for holding a contested case hearing by mutual consent.
- 11 **Eliminates reference.** Eliminates a reference to a subdivision providing for the adoption of interim ordinances in the statutory description of the land planning act.
- 12 **Planning assistance fund.** Makes optional the establishment of a planning assistance fund by the Met Council.
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- 15 **Nonprofit foundation.** Permits the Met Council to establish a private nonprofit tax-exempt foundation to acquire land for public recreation and open space. Provides for representation of specified groups in the membership of the foundation's board.
- 16 **Council assistance to nonprofit.** Permits the Met Council to provide up to \$500,000 to create and establish the foundation.
- 17 **Report.** Requires report on foundation to legislature by January 15, 2009.
- 18 **Onetime transfer.** This section permits the Metropolitan Council to transfer up to \$1 million from the livable communities demonstration account levy to the planning assistance fund in 2007.
- 19 **Repealer.** The following sections are repealed:
- Section 473.1455. Requirement that Met Council conform Metropolitan Development Guide to sec. 4A.08 (repealed) and seek review and comment from the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning (eliminated).
 - Section 473.247. Requirement that Met Council publish a consolidated metropolitan bulletin or register.
 - Section 473.868. Requirement that an advisory committee on modest cost private housing be established, hold hearings, and submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 1977.

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20 **Application clause.**

21 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 20 effective the day following final enactment.