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Section

1 **Sales tax exemption.** Amends the sales tax exemption within the metropolitan area for public safety radio communications system products and services by repealing the sunset date and expanding the exemption from purchases in the seven county metro area to include purchases in the following counties and state patrol districts:

- all counties in the eastern and western metro districts (adds Chisago and Isanti counties);
- Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties in the central district; and
- all counties in the southeast district.

Removal of the phrase "backbone system" includes purchases for all three phases of the system development; current law is limited to first phase purchases.

2 **Definition of "subsystems."** Redefines "public safety radio subsystems" by including in the definition systems identified in the statewide, shared radio and communication system project plan developed by the public safety radio system planning committee (under current law the term includes only those systems identified in the Metropolitan Radio Board's regionwide plan).

3 **Authorization.** Allows the Metropolitan Council to issue revenue bonds to provide money for assistance to local governments for up to 50 percent of the cost of building a subsystem in the southeast district or in the counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, or Wright in the central district of the State Patrol.

4 **Use of revenue bond money.** Specifies that money from revenue bonds issued to pay for

local subsystems of the radio systems may only be spent for subsystems identified in the Metropolitan Radio Board's regionwide public safety radio system communication plan.

Allows the council to issue an unspecified amount in additional revenue bonds and appropriates the proceeds to the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of section 0. Specifies that the money may not be used to pay for portable or subscriber radio sets.

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Effective date. Makes sections 1 to 4 effective immediately.