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This legislation modifies the allocation of fine revenue when the State Patrol performs an arrest or apprehension for a traffic-related violation (excluding certain violations of vehicle weight limitations). It increases from \$600,000 to \$1 million the amount provided to the Minnesota grade crossing safety account, with a corresponding decrease in the amount provided to the trunk highway fund.

Under current law, the money from fines in such situations is allocated:

- Three-eighths to the general fund of the state; and
- Five-eighths to the trunk highway fund, except for the first \$600,000 collected.

However, the allocation is different if the traffic violation occurs in a city and is prosecuted by the city attorney (and a plea of not guilty is entered). In this case, the money is allocated:

- One-third to the general fund of the state;
- One-third to the city; and
- One-third to either the trunk highway fund or the Minnesota grade crossing safety account, depending on whether the \$600,000 threshold has been surpassed.