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Overview

This bill increases the penalty for obstructing traffic access to an airport and obstructing public transit from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor.

Section

- 1** **Right-of-way use; penalties.** Creates a gross misdemeanor penalty for intentionally obstructing traffic that is (1) entering, exiting, or on a trunk highway; or (2) entering or exiting an airport owned and operated by the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which includes Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and six smaller general aviation airports.
- 2** **Unlawful interference with transit.** Expands the act of interference with transit to include restricting passenger access to a transit vehicle. Maintains a felony penalty for obstruction of transit that is accompanied by force or violence, or the threat of force or violence. Raises the penalty for obstruction of transit that does not include force or violence, or the threat of force or violence, from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor.