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Subject	Highway work zone pilot program
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Overview

This bill, as proposed to be amended by H.F. 2295DE2, authorizes the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety to jointly implement a pilot program to deploy speed safety camera systems in work zones.

Summary

Section	Description

1   **Work zone safety pilot program.**

Provides authority to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Public Safety to undertake a pilot program to use speed safety camera systems in work zones, and specifies various aspects of the program.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.

Subd. 2. Pilot program established. Authorizes the pilot program for speed enforcement using speed safety camera systems and related public education.

Subd. 3. General requirements. Establishes various requirements governing the pilot program, including to: identify a timeline; require speed safety camera system placement in at least two work zone locations on the trunk highway system; require training, calibration, supervision by a peace officer; require daily inspections; mandate signage and website information about the pilot program; and limit what the camera records.

Subd. 4. Enforcement. Authorizes a peace officer to issue a warning or an administrative citation for a speed violation detected by a speed safety camera system. Requires issuance of a warning in the first 30 days of speed safety camera use at a location, with exceptions. Sets other limitations and requirements.

Subd. 5. Administrative citations; requirements. Requires notices in the administrative citation. Provides for mailed citations.

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Subd. 6. Administrative citations; disposition. Outlines requirements for disposition of an administrative citation, including to (1) allow a person to contest the citation, (2) direct the commissioners to set up a process for contesting citations, and (3) provide authority to undertake collections.

Subd. 7. Administrative citations; penalty; application. Sets a $50 fine for violations. Identifies circumstances when the vehicle owner is not subject to the citation, including for stolen, transferred, and leased vehicles.

Subd. 8. Administrative citations; limitations. Prevents issuance of an administrative citation to the vehicle owner if a vehicle driver is issued a citation. Prevents issuance of citations under multiple state statutes for the same conduct. Disallows license suspension or revocation based on an administrative citation under the pilot program.

Subd. 9. Agreements. Provides for agreements between the departments and with a private entity. Prohibits payment to a private entity based on number of citations issued.

Subd. 10. Consultation. Identifies entities that the departments must consult with in designing and implementing the pilot program.

Subd. 11. Data practices. Provides for data practices under the pilot program, including to classify the data, restrict its use to speed enforcement and crash investigations, and require data destruction.

Subd. 12. Recording certain violations. Makes the prohibitions on Department of Public Safety records for some speeding violations also apply to citations under the pilot program.

Subd. 13. Allocation of funds. Requires that funds from citations are maintained in a separate account.

Subd. 14. Evaluation. Provides for independent evaluation of the pilot program and its impacts, and specifies evaluation contents. Makes the evaluation due by February 1, 2025.

Subd. 15. Expiration. Has the pilot program expire February 1, 2025.

2   **Work zone safety; appropriation.**

Appropriates an amount to be specified from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 for the work zone safety pilot program.