

Subject Transit obstruction camera systems

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Overview

This bill authorizes equipping transit buses with camera systems that can identify vehicles that are in violation of stopping or parking requirements, and provides for resulting issuance of a parking-related citation to the vehicle owner or lessee. It is generally effective the day after enactment, except that the penalty being established for stopping or parking violations identified through use of the camera system is effective January 1, 2027.

Summary

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1	Transit obstruction camera data. Makes a conforming change, to create a cross reference in a state statute that identifies data practices provisions.
2	Definitions. Defines “transit obstruction camera” by cross reference in a state statute on automated license plate readers.
3	Limitations; certain camera systems. Prohibits using a transit obstruction camera for automated license plate reader purposes.
4	Transit obstruction camera system. Defines “transit obstruction camera system” in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.
5	Local authority. Provides explicit authority for local units of government to manage vehicle standing and parking under the transit obstruction camera authorization.

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6 **[Adds § 169.355] Transit obstruction camera systems.**
Authorizes implementation and sets requirements for parking enforcement using transit obstruction camera systems.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this statute.

Subd. 2. Authority; implementation. Authorizes transit operators to use transit obstruction camera systems. Sets general implementation requirements, including coordination with appropriate local units of government.

Subd. 3. Transit obstruction camera system requirements. Provides for automated detection of potential violations. Directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to create transit obstruction camera system standards by December 15, 2026, including on mounting, training, calibration, and inspections.

Subd. 4. Public information and notice. Sets public information, engagement, and notification requirements.

Subd. 5. Parking enforcement agents. Requires designation of parking enforcement agents and authorizes the agents to issue citations under this statute.

Subd. 6. Violations; penalty. Establishes a petty misdemeanor offense for the owner or lessee of a vehicle that is identified through a transit obstruction camera as violating a state or local ordinance on vehicle stopping, standing, or parking, if the violation occurs in a:

- bus stop zone;
- transit vehicle lane, during periods of transit bus operation; or
- bicycle lane.

This subdivision is effective January 1, 2027.

Subd. 7. Violations; limitations. Specifies circumstances when the vehicle owner or lessee is not subject to citation for a parking violation as identified by a transit obstruction camera, including for stolen, transferred, and leased vehicles. Effective January 1, 2027.

Subd. 8. Citations; warnings. Authorizes parking enforcement agents to issue parking citations based on recordings from transit obstruction cameras. Sets conditions for citation issuance, which includes requiring warnings instead of

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citations for the first 60 days of camera system implementation by a transit operator. Allows for issuance by mail.

Subd. 9. Uniform citation. Provides for a uniform design of citations for violations.

Subd. 10. Third-party agreements. Sets requirements on agreements with a private entity related to transit obstruction camera system implementation. Prohibits payment to a private entity based on number of violations or citations issued.

Subd. 11. Data practices; general requirements. Establishes data practices requirements related to transit obstruction cameras, including to classify the data as private data on individuals or nonpublic data, with exceptions, and to specify requirements for a private entity. Limits uses and distribution of transit obstruction camera system data.

Subd. 12. Data practices; transit obstruction camera system. Limits the information that can be collected and retained by transit obstruction camera systems, which includes prohibiting data retention in a manner that makes an individual personally identifiable and permitting collection of system data and allowing for infrastructure monitoring data.

Subd. 13. Data practices; destruction of data. Provides timelines, conditions, and exceptions for destruction of transit obstruction camera system data, which includes requiring destruction of data within 30 days if there is not a parking-related citation or a criminal investigation taking place.

7 **Form.**

Makes a conforming change.

8 **Appropriation; transit obstruction camera systems.**

Appropriates an amount to be specified from the General Fund to MnDOT in fiscal year 2027 for transit obstruction camera system implementation costs.



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