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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; creating a matching-grant pilot program to assist  
1.3 communities in providing safe transportation for intoxicated persons; requiring  
1.4 a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.5 Statutes, chapter 169A.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. **[169A.741] SAFE CABS PROGRAM.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings  
1.9 given them in this subdivision.

1.10 (b) "Eligible community" means any political subdivision of the state or regional  
1.11 unit of government within the state that has established a program to provide taxi or  
1.12 other comparable transportation services for the purpose of safely transporting eligible  
1.13 individuals home.

1.14 (c) "Eligible individual" means a person who has been consuming alcohol in an  
1.15 alcohol-serving establishment, whom the server believes to be too alcohol impaired at  
1.16 the time of leaving the establishment to drive home safely.

1.17 Subd. 2. **Programs established.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall  
1.18 establish a program to make matching grants to the principal governing authority in each  
1.19 selected eligible community for the purpose of providing taxi service to safely transport  
1.20 eligible individuals home from alcohol-serving establishments within the community or  
1.21 immediately surrounding area. The program must have procedures for soliciting grant  
1.22 applications from all eligible communities in Minnesota, and for ensuring that the grants  
1.23 will be widely geographically distributed throughout the state. Each application must  
1.24 specify the expected proportion of funding to be derived from the state grant, local

2.1 governmental sources, participating alcohol-serving establishments, eligible individuals,  
2.2 and any other source.

2.3 (b) For any participating eligible community in any year, the state grant may  
2.4 comprise no more than one-half of the full operating cost, including marketing costs,  
2.5 of the program. Funding from local governmental and nongovernmental sources must  
2.6 comprise at least one-half of the full operating cost of the program.

2.7 This section is not intended to limit in any way the proportion or amount of program  
2.8 funding from either eligible individuals, participating alcohol-serving establishments, or  
2.9 other nongovernmental sources.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Report required.** By February 15, 2009, the commissioner of public safety  
2.11 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives  
2.12 and senate committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and  
2.13 funding regarding implementation and use of the program and distribution of the state  
2.14 funding. The report must include information on:

2.15 (1) the number and proportion of participating alcohol-serving establishments in  
2.16 each participating eligible community, and the proportion and amount of funding each  
2.17 contributes to the program;

2.18 (2) the number of taxi rides provided and individuals served under the program  
2.19 within each community and the average cost and cost range for those rides; and

2.20 (3) a breakdown by funding source of the cost sharing within each participating  
2.21 eligible community.

2.22 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2.23 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2009 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.24 commissioner of public safety for the purpose of making grants to eligible communities in  
2.25 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 169A.741, and preparing the report required  
2.26 under that section. Any amount of the appropriation remaining from fiscal year 2009 does  
2.27 not expire and is available for use in fiscal year 2010.

2.28 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.29 Sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 2008.