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HOUSE FILE NO. 110

FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Transportation Finance and Policy Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to highways; modifying provision governing memorial signs erected
1.3 on highways; designating the Speaker Irvin N. Anderson Memorial Highway;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 161.139; 161.14, subdivision 18, by
1.5 adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 161.139, is amended to read:

1.8 **161.139 HIGHWAY DESIGNATION COSTS.**

1.9 The commissioner shall not adopt a design or erect a sign to mark or memorialize a
1.10 highway or bridge, pursuant to designation by the legislature ~~on or after January 1, 1996,~~
1.11 unless the commissioner is assured of the availability of funds from nonstate sources
1.12 sufficient to pay all costs related to designing, erecting, and maintaining the signs. The
1.13 commissioner may remove a sign that marks or memorializes a highway or bridge as
1.14 designated by the legislature if:

- 1.15 (1) the sign requires maintenance, repair, or replacement;
1.16 (2) the commissioner has made a reasonable effort to obtain funds for maintenance,
1.17 repair, or replacement from nonstate sources; and
1.18 (3) the funds obtained under clause (2) are insufficient to pay all related costs.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 161.14, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 18. **Voyageur Highway.** The following route is named and designated the
1.21 "Voyageur Highway":

- 1.22 (a) Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 26 on the boundary line between
1.23 the states of Minnesota and Iowa; thence northerly along Trunk Highway No. 26 to its

2.1 junction with Trunk Highway No. 61; thence northwesterly along Trunk Highway No.
2.2 61 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 10 in the city of St. Paul; thence extending
2.3 in a general northwesterly direction along Trunk Highway No. 10 to its junction with
2.4 Trunk Highway No. 371 at Little Falls; thence extending in a general northerly direction
2.5 along Trunk Highway No. 371 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 210 at Brainerd;
2.6 thence northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 210 to its junction with Trunk Highway
2.7 No. 169 at Aitkin; thence in a general northerly direction along Trunk Highway No. 169
2.8 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 2 at Grand Rapids, except that portion that is
2.9 designated as the Jim Oberstar Causeway; thence northwesterly along Trunk Highway
2.10 No. 2 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71 at Bemidji; thence northeasterly along
2.11 Trunk Highway No. 71 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 11 at Pelland; thence
2.12 northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 11 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 53 at
2.13 International Falls; ~~thence southeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 53 to its junction with~~
2.14 ~~Central Entrance at Duluth.~~ Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 61 at its junction
2.15 with Interstate Highway 35 and thence northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 61 to the
2.16 boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the province of Ontario, Canada.

2.17 (b) The route of the Voyageur Highway designated and described in clause (a) is
2.18 supplemented by legs or alternative routes described as follows:

2.19 Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 1 at its junction with Trunk Highway
2.20 No. 61 northerly of Silver Bay; thence northwesterly along Trunk Highway No. 1 to Ely;
2.21 thence southwesterly along Trunk Highway No. 1 to its junction with Trunk Highway No.
2.22 169; thence southerly and westerly along Trunk Highway No. 169 to its junction with
2.23 Trunk Highway No. 53, and there terminating.

2.24 Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 11 at its junction with Trunk Highway
2.25 No. 53 at International Falls; thence easterly along Trunk Highway No. 11 to its easterly
2.26 terminus near Island View.

2.27 Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 33 at its junction with Interstate
2.28 Highway marked I-35 southerly of Cloquet, thence northerly along Trunk Highway No.
2.29 33 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 53.

2.30 (c) The commissioner of transportation shall:

2.31 (1) adopt a suitable marking design of signs or informational plaques;

2.32 (2) effect the installation of such signs or plaques in public waysides or other public
2.33 areas as approved and designated by the commissioner.

2.34 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.35 to read:

3.1 Subd. 62. **Speaker Irvin N. Anderson Memorial Highway.** That portion of Route
3.2 No. 11 known as Trunk Highway 53 on the effective date of this section, from the junction
3.3 of the northern city limits of Virginia to the intersection with marked Trunk Highway 11 in
3.4 the city of International Falls, is designated the "Speaker Irvin N. Anderson Memorial
3.5 Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this
3.6 highway and erect suitable signs, subject to section 161.139.