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HOUSE FILE NO. 121

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 on
1.3 designated highways; designating the Clearwater County Veterans Memorial
1.4 Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 161.139; 161.14, 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, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.20 to read:

1.21 Subd. 62. Clearwater County Veterans Memorial Highway. (a) The following
1.22 described route is designated the "Clearwater County Veterans Memorial Highway": that
1.23 portion of Legislative Route No. 168, marked on the effective date of this section as

2.1 Trunk Highway 200, from its intersection with Clearwater County State-Aid Highway 39
2.2 to its intersection with Legislative Route No. 169, marked on the effective date of this
2.3 section as Trunk Highway 92; and that portion of Route No. 169 to its intersection with
2.4 Clearwater County State-Aid Highway 5.

2.5 (b) The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway
2.6 and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.