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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; amending provisions related to speed limits;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 169.011, subdivisions 64, 90, by
1.4 adding a subdivision; 169.14, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.011, subdivision 64, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 64. **Residential roadway.** "Residential roadway" means a city street
1.9 ~~or portion of a street~~ town road that is less than one-half mile in total length ~~and is~~
1.10 ~~functionally classified as a local street by the road authority having jurisdiction.~~

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.12 to read:

1.13 Subd. 69a. **Rural residential district.** (a) "Rural residential district" means the
1.14 territory contiguous to and including any city street or town road that is built up with
1.15 visible dwelling houses situated at intervals averaging 300 feet or less for a distance of a
1.16 quarter of a mile or more.

1.17 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "interval" means the distance, measured along
1.18 the centerline of the roadway, between the primary access points for adjacent dwelling
1.19 houses, regardless of whether the dwelling houses are located on the same side of the road.

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.011, subdivision 90, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 90. **Urban district.** "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and
1.22 including any city street ~~which~~ or town road that is built up with structures devoted to

2.1 business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for a
2.2 distance of a quarter of a mile or more.

2.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 2. **Speed limits.** (a) Where no special hazard exists the following speeds
2.5 shall be lawful, but any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence
2.6 that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that the speed
2.7 limit within any municipality shall be a maximum limit and any speed in excess thereof
2.8 shall be unlawful:

2.9 (1) 30 miles per hour in an urban district ~~or on a town road in a rural residential~~
2.10 ~~district;~~

2.11 (2) 65 miles per hour on noninterstate expressways, as defined in section 160.02,
2.12 subdivision 18b, and noninterstate freeways, as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 19;

2.13 (3) 55 miles per hour in locations other than those specified in this section;

2.14 (4) 70 miles per hour on interstate highways outside the limits of any urbanized area
2.15 with a population of greater than 50,000 as defined by order of the commissioner of
2.16 transportation;

2.17 (5) 65 miles per hour on interstate highways inside the limits of any urbanized area
2.18 with a population of greater than 50,000 as defined by order of the commissioner of
2.19 transportation;

2.20 (6) ten miles per hour in alleys; ~~and~~

2.21 (7) 25 miles per hour in residential roadways if adopted by the road authority having
2.22 jurisdiction over the residential roadway; and

2.23 (8) 35 miles per hour in a rural residential district if adopted by the road authority
2.24 having jurisdiction over the rural residential district.

2.25 (b) A speed limit adopted under paragraph (a), clause (7), is not effective unless the
2.26 road authority has erected signs designating the speed limit and indicating the beginning
2.27 and end of the residential roadway on which the speed limit applies.

2.28 (c) ~~For purposes of this subdivision, "rural residential district" means the territory~~
2.29 ~~contiguous to and including any town road within a subdivision or plat of land that is built~~
2.30 ~~up with dwelling houses at intervals of less than 300 feet for a distance of one-quarter mile~~
2.31 ~~or more. A speed limit adopted under paragraph (a), clause (8), is not effective unless the~~
2.32 road authority has erected signs designating the speed limit and indicating the beginning
2.33 and end of the rural residential district for the roadway on which the speed limit applies.

2.34 (d) Notwithstanding section 609.0331 or 609.101 or other law to the contrary,
2.35 a person who violates a speed limit established in this subdivision, or a speed limit

3.1 designated on an appropriate sign under subdivision 4, 5, 5b, 5c, or 5e, by driving 20 miles
3.2 per hour or more in excess of the applicable speed limit, is assessed an additional surcharge
3.3 equal to the amount of the fine imposed for the speed violation, but not less than \$25.

3.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.14, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.5 to read:

3.6 Subd. 5f. **Speed limits on certain rural residential districts.** (a) A rural residential
3.7 district existing and lawfully signed before August 1, 2009, continues to qualify as a
3.8 rural residential district.

3.9 (b) A rural residential district existing and lawfully signed before August 1, 2009, is
3.10 subject to the speed limit signed before August 1, 2009.

3.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009. Paragraph (b)
3.12 expires when the speed limit signs erected before August 1, 2009, are replaced.