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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 418

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transit; prohibiting the Metropolitan Council from undertaking a light
1.3 rail project without explicit legislative authority; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapters 398A; 471; 473.

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

1.6 Section 1. [398A.095] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS.

1.7 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a regional railroad authority is prohibited from
1.8 spending any money to study, plan, design, or construct a light rail line, or expand an existing
1.9 light rail line, unless the legislature has explicitly authorized the particular project.

1.10 Sec. 2. [471.987] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS.

1.11 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a metropolitan county as defined in section
1.12 473.121, subdivision 4, or a home rule charter or statutory city located within the metropolitan
1.13 area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, is prohibited from spending any money
1.14 to study, plan, design, or construct a light rail line, or expand an existing light rail line,
1.15 unless the legislature has explicitly authorized the particular project.

1.16 Sec. 3. [473.3985] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS.

1.17 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the council is prohibited from spending any
1.18 money to study, plan, design, or construct a light rail line, or expand an existing light rail
1.19 line, unless the legislature has explicitly authorized the particular project.

2.1 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.