

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; modifying requirements for noise abatement on  
1.3 highway construction projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section  
1.4 161.125, 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 161.125, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Sound abatement standards.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a noise  
1.9 abatement policy, in conformance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 23, part 772.

1.10 (b) The commissioner shall include in the noise abatement policy an equity-adjusted  
1.11 cost-effectiveness measure that equals 1.85 multiplied by the cost-effectiveness dollar limit  
1.12 per residence per decibel reduced. The commissioner shall specify the cost-effectiveness  
1.13 dollar limit in evaluating reasonable costs of noise abatement. The equity-adjusted  
1.14 cost-effectiveness measure applies to any noise analysis on a highway construction or  
1.15 reconstruction project that includes, as a component of the project design, conversion of a  
1.16 trunk highway from an expressway to a freeway.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment,  
1.18 and applies to trunk highway construction projects for which the commissioner has not  
1.19 advertised for bids on or before that effective date.