

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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**S.F. No. 2614**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/12/2014	6168	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation and Public Safety
03/19/2014		Comm report: To pass as amended Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to transportation; removing length limit of certain connector highways;  
 1.3 allowing one-week bid advertisement period for certain trunk highway contracts;  
 1.4 clarifying state responsibility for certain bond payments for cities with population  
 1.5 decline to under 5,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 161.261,  
 1.6 subdivisions 1, 2; 161.32, subdivision 4; 162.18, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 161.261, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Agreement to improve segment in other state.** When the beginning  
 1.10 or terminal of a trunk highway is the state boundary, and the commissioner of transportation  
 1.11 and the authorities of the adjoining state deem it desirable during the construction or  
 1.12 improvement of such trunk highway to construct or improve a connector highway in the  
 1.13 adjoining state thereby connecting or improving the connection of such trunk highway with  
 1.14 the highway system of the adjoining state, the commissioner may enter into agreements  
 1.15 with the authorities of such adjoining state providing for such connecting highway to be  
 1.16 constructed or improved under and as part of the trunk highway construction contract. Such  
 1.17 connector highway shall connect with the trunk highway at the state boundary ~~and shall~~  
 1.18 ~~not exceed one mile in length.~~ The entire cost of constructing or improving the connector  
 1.19 highway, including engineering costs and expenses, planning and designing expenses, and  
 1.20 any other expenses attributable to such connector highway, shall be paid by the adjoining  
 1.21 state, and the manner and time of such payment shall be specified in the agreement.

1.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 161.261, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.23 Subd. 2. **Agreement to improve segment in Minnesota.** The commissioner, in  
 1.24 the interest of construction economy, may enter into agreements with the authorities of

2.1 an adjoining state providing that the adjoining state construct or improve a segment of a  
2.2 Minnesota trunk highway route in conjunction with a construction project of the adjoining  
2.3 state so as to connect or improve the connection of the Minnesota trunk highway route  
2.4 with the highway system of such adjoining state at their common boundary. ~~Such segment~~  
2.5 ~~of the Minnesota trunk highway route to be constructed or improved by the adjoining state~~  
2.6 ~~shall not exceed one mile in length.~~ The cost of construction or improvement of such  
2.7 segment, including costs of planning and design and equitable engineering costs and  
2.8 expenses attributable to such segment, shall be paid from the trunk highway fund.

2.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 161.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 4. **Damaged trunk highways damaged by spring breakup.** Contracts may  
2.11 be let for the repair and restoration of trunk highways damaged by spring breakup, the  
2.12 effects of the freeze-thaw cycle, floods, other sudden natural phenomenon, or man-made  
2.13 disasters, or to prevent damage from flooding or other natural phenomenon, upon  
2.14 advertisement for bids for a period of one week prior to the date such bids are to be  
2.15 received, ~~and upon the mailing of such advertisements to all contractors who have filed a~~  
2.16 ~~written request therefor.~~

2.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 162.18, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.18 to read:

2.19 Subd. 6. **State aid ineligibility; payment responsibility.** If the population of a city  
2.20 falls below 5,000 as determined by federal census and the city is no longer eligible for  
2.21 state aid funds, the state is no longer obligated to make payments on bonds issued under  
2.22 this section and the city shall assume responsibility for making any outstanding payments.