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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill, as amended, directs the Department of Transportation to conduct engineering and traffic investigations on portions of the state trunk highway system that are part of the U. S. highway numbering system and that have speed limits of 55 m.p.h., and on Interstate highways that have a speed limit of 70 m.p.h. MnDOT is directed to increase the speed limit on those segments to from 55 to 60 m.p.h. and from 70 to 75 m.p.h. respectively, if the investigation shows that it would be reasonable and safe to do so.

The bill also amends the "Dimler amendment," which now keeps citations for violating a 55 m.p.h. speed limit off the driving record if they are not more than 10 m.p.h. over the speed limit, by allowing 5 m.p.h. for violations of a 60 m.p.h. limit and 10 m.p.h. for violations of a 65 or 70 m.p.h. limit.

The bill also directs MnDOT to raise the speed limit on I-35E in St. Paul from 45 to 55 m.p.h.

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- 1 Speed limit on I-35E.** Directs MnDOT to set a speed limit of 55 m.p.h. on Interstate highway 35E between West 7<sup>th</sup> Street and I-94 in St. Paul, unless the department determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that a different speed limit is reasonable and safe. Makes any violation of the limit unlawful.
- 2 Uniform traffic ticket.** Amends the law that requires a space on the uniform traffic ticket for

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the citing officer to indicate that a violation of a 55 m.p.h. speed limit was not more than 10 m.p.h. over the limit, by:

- adding a space to indicate that a violation of a 60 m.p.h. limit was not more than 5 m.p.h. over the limit
- adding a space to indicate that a violation of a 65 or 70 m.p.h. limit was not more than 10 m.p.h. over the limit

**3** **Driving record.** Amends the law that prohibits placing on a driving record a violation of a 55 m.p.h. speed limit that was not more than 10 m.p.h. over the limit, by:

- prohibiting placing on the record a violation of a 60 m.p.h. limit that was not more than 5 m.p.h. over the limit
- prohibiting placing on the record a violation of a 65 or 70 m.p.h. limit that was not more than 10 m.p.h. over the limit

**4** **Report; engineering and traffic investigations.** Requires MnDOT to conduct engineering and traffic investigations on (1) non-Interstate trunk highways that have U.S. highway numbers and a speed limit of 55 m.p.h., and (2) Interstate highways that have a speed limit of 70 m.p.h.

Requires MnDOT to designate a speed limit of 60 m.p.h. on highways described in clause (1), and 75 m.p.h. on highways described in clause (2), if the engineering and traffic investigation shows that such a limit is reasonable and safe.

Requires MnDOT to report to legislative transportation policy and finance committees by February 1, 2005, on each such investigation and its outcome.

**5** **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 4 effective June 1, 2004.