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Overview

This bill authorizes the city of Richfield to create a redevelopment tax increment financing (TIF) district in an area of the city close to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. This district qualifies as a redevelopment district without meeting the "blight test" and is exempt from the 5-year rule.

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- TIF district, city of Richfield. Authorizes Richfield or its housing and redevelopment authority to establish a redevelopment TIF district in a defined geographic area that is affected by low frequency noise from the new North-South runway at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport. This authority deviates from general law rules in three ways:
 - The district is deemed to be a redevelopment district without meeting the "blight test" (requiring 50 percent or more of the buildings to be substandard).
 - Spending of the district's increment are not limited to "blight correction" purposes, if they are spent within defined geographic area under the bill.
 - The 5-year rule does not apply. The 5-year rule requires the development authority to complete the district's development activities within 5 years after approval of the TIF plan.

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Effective upon local approval by the city of Richfield.