

# State of Minnesota

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A bill for an act

relating to transportation; establishing the Motorcycle-Ready Roads Infrastructure Act; prioritizing maintenance of existing roads; creating a pothole reporting and repair system; requiring simultaneous maintenance during new construction; proposing coding for new law.

## **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

### **Section 1. TITLE.**

This act shall be known as the "Motorcycle-Ready Roads Infrastructure Act."

### **Sec. 2. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this act is to ensure that Minnesota roads meet a standard of safety and smoothness that is suitable for motorcycles, the most vulnerable vehicles on the road. If a roadway is safe for motorcycles, it is safe for all vehicles. This act prioritizes maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure to ensure safer, smoother travel statewide.

### **Sec. 3. ROAD MAINTENANCE PRIORITY.**

- (a) The state shall prioritize repair, resurfacing, and maintenance of existing roads before approving new road construction.
- (b) No new road project shall proceed unless existing roads in the same jurisdiction meet established safety and smoothness standards.
- (c) Pothole repair shall be considered a top-tier maintenance priority.

### **Sec. 4. PUBLIC REPORTING SYSTEM.**

- (a) The state shall collaborate with digital map providers to implement a one-touch pothole reporting feature.
- (b) The reporting button shall be easily accessible on the main map interface.
- (c) Reports must capture real-time location data.

### **Sec. 5. PUBLIC ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY.**

- (a) A public interface shall allow users to view all reported potholes across Minnesota.
- (b) The system shall support filtering by region, including Minneapolis and Saint Paul.
- (c) This feature is intended to improve driver awareness and route safety.

#### **Sec. 6. CONTRACTOR REPAIR PROGRAM.**

- (a) Licensed contractors may participate in pothole repair.
- (b) Each repair must include photographic evidence and GPS location.
- (c) Contractors shall receive a standardized payment per pothole.
- (d) Payment shall be issued within three business days upon verification.

#### **Sec. 7. REAL-TIME SYSTEM UPDATE.**

Upon verification of repair, the pothole shall be removed from the public system to reflect completion.

#### **Sec. 8. SIMULTANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENT.**

- (a) Any contractor engaged in new road construction must simultaneously deploy crews for pothole repair.
- (b) New construction projects shall not proceed without active maintenance operations.
- (c) Compliance shall be monitored by the state.

#### **Sec. 9. ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDITS.**

The state shall conduct routine audits to ensure compliance, repair quality, and program effectiveness.