

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2591 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, line 19, after "trunk highway" insert "except as necessary to protect public safety"

1.3 Page 2, after line 2, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.5 Subd. 2. **Relocation of utility.** Whenever the relocation of any utility facility is
1.6 necessitated by the construction of a project on a trunk highway ~~routes other than those~~
1.7 ~~described in section 161.46, subdivision 2~~ route, the relocation work may be made a part
1.8 of the state highway construction contract or let as a separate contract as provided by law
1.9 if the owner or operator of the facility requests the commissioner to act as its agent for the
1.10 purpose of relocating the facilities and if the commissioner determines that such action is
1.11 in the best interests of the state. Payment by the utility owner or operator to the state shall
1.12 be in accordance with applicable statutes and the rules for utilities on trunk highways.

1.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.46, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 2. **Relocation of facilities; reimbursement.** (a) Whenever the commissioner shall
1.15 determine the relocation of any utility facility is necessitated by the construction of a project
1.16 on the routes of federally aided state trunk highways, including urban extensions thereof,
1.17 which routes are included within the National System of Interstate Highways, the owner or
1.18 operator of such utility facility shall relocate the same in accordance with the order of the
1.19 commissioner. After the completion of such relocation the cost thereof shall be ascertained
1.20 and paid by the state out of trunk highway funds; provided, however, the amount to be paid
1.21 by the state for such reimbursement shall not exceed the amount on which the federal
1.22 government bases its reimbursement for said interstate system.

1.23 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on or after January 1, 2024, any entity that receives
1.24 a route permit under chapter 216E for a high-voltage transmission line necessary to
1.25 interconnect an electric power generating facility is not eligible for relocation reimbursement
1.26 unless the entity directly, or through its members or agents, provides retail electric service
1.27 in this state."

1.28 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

1.29 Amend the title accordingly