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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
NINETIETH SESSION

**H. F. No. 2478**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing certain limitations on trunk highway fund  
1.3 expenditures for buildings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 161.20,  
1.4 subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 161.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Trunk highway fund appropriations.** (a) The commissioner may expend  
1.8 trunk highway funds only for trunk highway purposes. Payment of expenses related to  
1.9 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension laboratory, Explore Minnesota Tourism kiosks, Minnesota  
1.10 Safety Council, driver education programs, Emergency Medical Services Board, Mississippi  
1.11 River Parkway Commission, payments to MN.IT Services in excess of actual costs incurred  
1.12 for trunk highway purposes, and personnel costs incurred on behalf of the Governor's Office  
1.13 do not further a highway purpose and do not aid in the construction, improvement, or  
1.14 maintenance of the highway system.

1.15 (b) The commissioner must not expend a trunk highway fund appropriation made for  
1.16 the building services budget activity, or any similar program or activity, for any purpose  
1.17 that is an eligible use of state general obligation bonds proceeds, including but not limited  
1.18 to trunk highway bonds proceeds, unless the amount expended is sufficiently small that it  
1.19 creates undue inefficiencies for the sale or issuance of state bonds or for the administration  
1.20 of bond proceeds.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies for  
1.22 appropriations made on or after that date.