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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3495

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating money for a social movability pilot
1.3 program.

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

1.5 Section 1. SOCIAL MOVABILITY PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$80,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of transportation for a grant to the Grand Rapids Area
1.8 Community Foundation for a social movability pilot program that provides transportation
1.9 services during evenings and weekends. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.10 Subd. 2. Goals. Goals of the pilot program include:

1.11 (1) promoting independence in daily living;

1.12 (2) enhancing quality of life; and

1.13 (3) decreasing social isolation.

1.14 Subd. 3. Program requirements. The pilot program must:

1.15 (1) serve an area that includes the city of Grand Rapids and a radius of 20 miles around
1.16 the city;

1.17 (2) provide daily service that includes nighttime and weekends;

1.18 (3) allow for reservations or appointments for the service;

1.19 (4) be available to:

1.20 (i) individuals age 60 or older;

- 2.1 (ii) persons with disabilities of all ages; and
- 2.2 (iii) a personal care attendant or companion of an individual identified in items (i) and
- 2.3 (ii);
- 2.4 (5) charge fees using a sliding scale based on income;
- 2.5 (6) be implemented in partnership with an entity that is authorized to provide for-hire
- 2.6 passenger transportation service; and
- 2.7 (7) include options for vehicles that are capable of transporting wheelchairs in a manner
- 2.8 that meets the requirements under Minnesota Statutes, sections 299A.11 to 299A.17.
- 2.9 Subd. 4. **Limitations.** An individual may not be served under the pilot program for
- 2.10 transportation who is eligible for nonemergency medical transportation funded by medical
- 2.11 assistance, private health insurance, or a state or federal program.