1.1   A bill for an act
1.2   relating to transportation; establishing pilot program for providing discount
1.3   metropolitan transit passes to charitable organizations; requiring report.

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

1.5   Section 1. **DISCOUNT TRANSIT PASSES PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.6   The Metropolitan Council shall establish a pilot program and policies to sell transit

1.7   fare media at a 50 percent discount to eligible charitable organizations for use by homeless

1.8   individuals. For the purposes of this section, "eligible charitable organization" means a

1.9   charitable organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that

1.10   provides services for homeless individuals, and "homeless individuals" means homeless

1.11   individuals or persons as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.361, subdivision 5.

1.12   The pilot program is limited to no more than ten charitable organizations and terminates

1.13   March 15, 2011.

1.14   Sec. 2. **REPORT.**

1.15   By January 15, 2011, the chair of the Metropolitan Council shall prepare and

1.16   submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of

1.17   representatives committees having jurisdiction over transportation. The chair shall prepare

1.18   and submit the report with existing agency staff and resources. The report on the pilot

1.19   program must include a list of sales made under this section, including organization name

1.20   and the volume of fare media purchased, the costs of providing the discounted service, and

1.21   revenue impacts on the council's transit system.

1.22   Sec. 3. **APPLICATION.**

2.1   Sections 1 and 2 apply in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,

2.2   Scott, and Washington.

2.3   Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.4   Sections 1 and 2 are effective September 1, 2009.