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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to bridges; requiring commissioner of transportation to post signs on
1.3 certain trunk highway bridges; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 165.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[165.035] BRIDGE SIGNS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Rating signs.** The commissioner of transportation shall post signs on
1.8 the approaches to trunk highway bridges based on the following categories:

1.9 (a) Red signs must be posted on the approaches to each trunk highway bridge that
1.10 has an average daily traffic count above 1,000 and a sufficiency rating at or below 50,
1.11 or is otherwise identified by the commissioner as a priority project, based on analysis
1.12 of the national bridge inventory condition codes, functional obsolescence, age, design,
1.13 history of maintenance and inspection, average daily traffic count, sufficiency rating, and
1.14 engineering judgments.

1.15 (b) Orange signs must be posted on the approaches to each trunk highway bridge
1.16 that does not meet the paragraph (a) criteria, but is classified as fracture critical, or has a
1.17 sufficiency rating at or below 80.

1.18 (c) Yellow signs must be posted on the approaches to each trunk highway bridge that
1.19 does not meet the paragraph (a) or (b) criteria, but is scheduled by the commissioner for
1.20 major repair, rehabilitation, or replacement.

1.21 Subd. 2. **Replacement of signs.** The commissioner shall replace the signs on the
1.22 approaches to a bridge when the status of the bridge changes to a different category under
1.23 subdivision 1.