

Subject Civil liability: Highway obstruction

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## Overview

This bill establishes a new civil cause of action for obstruction of a public highway.

## Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | <p><b>Highway obstruction; civil liability.</b></p> <p>Establishes a new civil cause of action for obstruction of a public highway, effective August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Definition.</b> Provides a broad definition of “person” that includes individuals and other private or public entities. “Person” is the term used for a potential plaintiff in an action under subdivision 2.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Civil liability imposed.</b> Imposes civil liability for damages—as well as attorney fees and costs—for anyone who obstructs a public highway.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Relationship to criminal law; election of remedy.</b> Prohibits a state agency or political subdivision from pursuing <i>both</i> criminal prosecution and civil litigation under this section in response to the same action.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Exemption.</b> States that this section does not apply to actions of law enforcement, other authorities/officials, or contractors thereof when they are acting within the scope of the law or a contract.</p> |
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