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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **2958**

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to opioid litigation; adding settling defendants to opioid litigation statute;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.757, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.757, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
- 1.7 the meanings given.
- 1.8 (b) "Municipality" has the meaning provided in section 466.01, subdivision 1.
- 1.9 (c) "Opioid litigation" means any civil litigation, demand, or settlement in lieu of litigation
- 1.10 alleging unlawful conduct related to the marketing, sale, or distribution of opioids in this
- 1.11 state or other alleged illegal actions that contributed to the excessive use of opioids.
- 1.12 (d) "Released claim" means any cause of action or other claim that has been released in
- 1.13 a statewide opioid settlement agreement, including matters identified as a released claim as
- 1.14 that term or a comparable term is defined in a statewide opioid settlement agreement.
- 1.15 (e) "Settling defendant" means Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen Corporation,
- 1.16 Cardinal Health, Inc., ~~and~~ McKesson Corporation, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Allergan plc,
- 1.17 CVS Health Corporation, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc., and Walmart, Inc., as well as
- 1.18 related subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, and other related entities specifically named
- 1.19 as a released entity in a statewide opioid settlement agreement.
- 1.20 (f) "Statewide opioid settlement agreement" means an agreement, including consent
- 1.21 judgments, assurances of discontinuance, and related agreements or documents, between
- 1.22 the attorney general, on behalf of the state, and a settling defendant, to provide or allocate

- 2.1 remuneration for conduct related to the marketing, sale, or distribution of opioids in this
- 2.2 state or other alleged illegal actions that contributed to the excessive use of opioids.