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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4191

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil actions; limiting the amount of attorney fees awarded in certain
1.3 actions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 549.

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

1.5 Section 1. 549.255 ATTORNEY FEES AWARDS.

1.6 If an offer of judgment is made by a party under Rule 68 of the Rules of Civil Procedure
1.7 to a party who claims money damages pursuant, in whole or in part, to a statute that provides
1.8 for the award of attorney fees, and the party claiming attorney fees does not obtain a verdict
1.9 in excess of the offer, exclusive of attorney fees, no attorney fees may be awarded for fees
1.10 incurred after service of the offer of judgment. The party that rejects an offer of judgment
1.11 must disclose the amount of attorney fees it has incurred as of the date of the service of the
1.12 offer of judgment within the time period provided by Rule 68 for the acceptance of an offer
1.13 of judgment.

1.14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

1.15 Section 1 is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to actions commenced on or after that
1.16 date.