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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **444**

01/28/2021 Authored by Pelowski, Albright, Johnson, Burkel, Drazkowski and others  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration  
02/10/2021 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Industrial Education and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state disasters; restricting the definition of state-declared disasters to  
1.3 exclude civil unrest; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12B.15,  
1.4 subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12B.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Disaster.** "Disaster" means any catastrophe, including but not limited to a  
1.8 tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption,  
1.9 landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or  
1.10 explosion. A disaster does not include a catastrophe caused by civil unrest.

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2020.