

This Document can be made available
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1598

03/14/2013 Authored by Abeler

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring health clubs to notify members of criminal
1.3 incidents involving child members; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 624.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[624.704] HEALTH CLUBS; SAFETY OF CHILD MEMBERS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this
1.8 subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.9 (b) "Child" means an individual under the age of 18.

1.10 (c) "Health club" means any corporation, partnership, unincorporated association,
1.11 nonprofit organization, or other business enterprise having the primary purpose of offering
1.12 one or more facilities for instruction, training, encouragement, or assistance in physical
1.13 fitness, in return for the payment of a fee entitling the member to the use of the facilities.

1.14 (d) "Member" has the meaning given in section 325G.23, subdivision 7.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Notification.** A health club shall immediately notify its members upon the
1.16 confirmation of a criminal incident involving a child on the health club premises. The
1.17 health club shall post a sufficient number of signs on the club premises to give adequate
1.18 notice of the incident to club members entering onto or leaving the premises. Additionally,
1.19 the health club shall give notice of the incident to all members with children by e-mail
1.20 or mail delivered by the United States post office. The notice must minimally include a
1.21 general description of the criminal incident, the date of the incident, and the general
1.22 location of the incident on the health club premises.