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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1769

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to local government; requiring notice of proposed ordinances that  
1.3 affect business licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 375.51,  
1.4 subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 415.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 375.51, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Notice of intention.** (a) No county ordinance shall be enacted unless a  
1.8 notice of the intention to enact it has been published in the official newspaper of the  
1.9 county not less than ten days before the meeting or public hearing required by subdivision  
1.10 1 at which it is to be considered. Public hearings may be continued from time to time and  
1.11 additional hearings may be held. The notice shall state the subject matter and the general  
1.12 purpose of the proposed ordinance. Proof of the publication of the notice shall be attached  
1.13 to and filed with the ordinance, if enacted, in the office of the county auditor.

1.14 (b) At least 15 days before the county holds an initial hearing on an ordinance that  
1.15 may affect a business licensed by the county or a statutory or home rule charter city  
1.16 in the county, the county must notify potentially affected businesses by first class mail  
1.17 and post the proposed ordinance, and the fact that it may affect licensed businesses, on  
1.18 the county's Web site. For the purposes of this subdivision, a licensed business may  
1.19 be affected if the ordinance changes the location or availability of a product or service  
1.20 provided by the business.

1.21 Sec. 2. [415.175] NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO LICENSED  
1.22 BUSINESSES.

2.1 At least 15 days before a statutory or home rule charter city holds an initial hearing  
2.2 on an ordinance that may affect a business licensed by the city, the city council must notify  
2.3 potentially affected businesses by first class mail and post the proposed ordinance, and the  
2.4 fact that it may affect licensed businesses, on the city's Web site. For the purposes of this  
2.5 subdivision, a licensed business may be affected if the ordinance changes the location or  
2.6 availability of a product or service provided by the business.