

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2958

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

03/26/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Policy

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Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil actions; regulating certain human rights actions; requiring jury
1.3 trials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 363A.33, subdivision 6.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 363A.33, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. **District court jurisdiction.** Any action brought pursuant to this section
1.7 shall be filed in the district court of the county wherein the unlawful discriminatory
1.8 practice is alleged to have been committed or where the respondent resides or has a
1.9 principal place of business.

1.10 ~~Any action brought pursuant to this chapter shall be heard and determined by a~~
1.11 ~~judge sitting without a jury.~~ A person bringing a civil action seeking redress for an unfair
1.12 discriminatory practice or a respondent is entitled to a jury trial.

1.13 If the court or jury finds that the respondent has engaged in an unfair discriminatory
1.14 practice, it shall issue an order or verdict directing appropriate relief as provided by
1.15 section 363A.29, subdivisions 3 to 6.

1.16 When the court issues an order providing for payment to the state of a civil penalty
1.17 pursuant to section 363A.29, subdivisions 3 to 6, it shall serve a copy of that order upon
1.18 the attorney general at the same time as it makes service upon the parties.