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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1701**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to criminal justice; clarifying the authorization to expunge court records  
 1.3 in an eviction action; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 484.014,  
 1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 484.014, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Discretionary expungement.** The court may order expungement of an  
 1.8 eviction case court file only upon motion of a defendant and decision by the court, if the  
 1.9 court finds that the plaintiff's case is sufficiently without basis in fact or law, which may  
 1.10 include lack of jurisdiction over the case, or that expungement is clearly in the interests of  
 1.11 justice and those interests are not outweighed by the public's interest in knowing about  
 1.12 the record.