

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1784**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/16/2015	903	Introduction and first reading Referred to State and Local Government
03/18/2015	972	Author added Johnson
03/19/2015		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to capital investment; requiring that certain equipment to accommodate  
 1.3 hearing-impaired people be included in a capital improvement project using state  
 1.4 funds; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16B.985] ACCOMMODATION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED IN**  
 1.7 **STATE-FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

1.8 The commissioner shall not approve a contract for, or grant state funds for, a capital  
 1.9 improvement project to construct or renovate a building unless the project includes  
 1.10 equipping public meeting rooms, auditoriums, arenas, or other public gathering space in  
 1.11 the building with audio-induction loops to provide an electromagnetic signal for hearing  
 1.12 aids and cochlear implants, and with radio frequency transmitters to broadcast a radio  
 1.13 signal to dedicated receivers to be used to assist the hearing impaired.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to  
 1.15 contracts entered into and grants made after that date.