

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 987

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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to human rights; requiring captioning on all televisions and audiovisual
 1.3 display equipment used to communicate with the public; proposing coding for
 1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 363A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[363A.111] TV CAPTIONING REQUIRED.**

1.7 Each place of public accommodation located within the state must enable open
 1.8 captioning on any television or other audiovisual display capable of captioning at all times
 1.9 that it uses television or other audiovisual displays to provide information or entertainment
 1.10 to the public. The captions must be high-contrast to the extent feasible. Whenever a place
 1.11 of public accommodation acquires a new television or audiovisual display technology, it
 1.12 must acquire one with high-contrast captioning capability.