

A bill for an act
relating to state government; establishing a heating and cooling policy for
building projects funded with state appropriations; proposing coding for new law
in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

Section 1. **[16B.326] HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; STATE-FUNDED
BUILDINGS.**

The commissioner must review and study geothermal applications as possible
uses for heating or cooling for all building projects subject to a predesign review under
section 16B.335 that receive any state funding for replacement of heating or cooling
systems. When practicable, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, geothermal
heating and cooling systems must be given preference when designing, planning, or
letting bids for necessary replacement or initial installation of cooling or heating systems
in new or existing buildings that are constructed or maintained with state funds. The
predesign review must include a written plan for compliance with this section from
a project proposer.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to cooling
or heating systems replacement or installation in buildings that are constructed or
maintained with state funds that are subject to predesign review on or after that date.