

A bill for an act
relating to human services; requiring drug screening for MFIP eligibility;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.15, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.15, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. **Eligibility; drug screening.** (a) To be eligible for MFIP, a person must
undergo drug and alcohol screening, to the extent practicable, following the established
procedures and reliability safeguards provided for screening in sections 181.951, 181.953,
and 181.954. A county agency may require a recipient of benefits to undergo random
drug screening. An applicant must provide evidence of a negative test result to the
appropriate county agency prior to being accepted for MFIP benefits and prior to receiving
an extension of benefits under section 256J.425.

(b) A laboratory must report to the appropriate county agency any positive test
results returned on an applicant or recipient of MFIP benefits. Upon receipt of a
positive test result, a county agency must deny or discontinue benefits until the person
demonstrates a pattern of negative test results that satisfy the agency that the person
is no longer a drug user.