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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2296

03/13/2025 Authored by Howard, Frazier, Curran and Moller The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy 03/24/2025 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law 03/27/2025 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register Read for the Second Time 04/07/2025 Calendar for the Day Read for the Third Time

A bill for an act 1.1

Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

relating to landlord and tenant; clarifying a prohibition on disclosure of victim 1 2 information; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 504B.206, subdivision 1.3 1.4

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 504B.206, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 1.6
- Subd. 2. Treatment of information. (a) A landlord must not disclose: 1.7
- (1) any information provided to the landlord by a tenant in the written notice required 1.8 under subdivision 1, paragraph (b); 1.9
- (2) any information contained in the qualifying document; 1.10
- (3) the address or location to which the tenant has relocated; or 1.11
- (4) the status of the tenant as a victim of violence. 1.12
- (b) The information referenced in paragraph (a) must not be entered into any shared 1.13 database or provided to any person or entity but may be used when required as evidence in 1.14 an eviction proceeding, action for unpaid rent or damages arising out of the tenancy, claims 1.15 under section 504B.178, with the consent of the tenant, or as otherwise required by law. 1.16
 - (c) The requirements of this subdivision to treat the information enumerated in paragraph (a) are paramount and supersede any other document or form signed by the tenant, including but not limited to any release of information form.
- (e) (d) A landlord who violates this section is liable to the tenant for statutory damages 1.20 of \$2,000, plus reasonable attorney fees and costs. 1.21

Section 1. 1 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 1. 2