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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Division
03/26/2026 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; prohibiting the imposition of certain fees for
1.3 residential improvements necessary to accommodate the disability of a veteran;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326B.

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

1.6 Section 1. 326B.161 FEES WAIVED FOR RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT FOR
1.7 VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment of a veteran that receives a
1.11 disability rating under United States Code, title 38.

1.12 (c) "Municipality" means a county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town.

1.13 (d) "Residential improvement" means a remodel, renovation, or other improvement to
1.14 a residential property that requires a license, building permit, inspection, or other approval
1.15 by a municipality.

1.16 (e) "Veteran" has the meaning given in section 197.447.

1.17 Subd. 2. Municipal fees waived; veterans with a disability. A municipality may not
1.18 charge a fee under section 326B.148, 326B.151, 326B.153, 326B.154, 326B.184, 326B.37,
1.19 326B.49, 326B.92, 326B.986, or 462.353 or any other law or rule authorizing the imposition
1.20 of a fee by a municipality for a residential improvement that is required to accommodate
1.21 the disability of a veteran who resides on the property.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Nonpayment of fee.** A municipality is prohibited from refusing to issue a
2.2 license, building permit, or other approval or conduct an inspection or other necessary
2.3 activity for a residential improvement required to accommodate the disability of a veteran
2.4 due to the nonpayment of an associated fee.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Application; proof of veteran status required.** (a) Nothing in this section
2.6 relieves an individual from a requirement to complete and submit an application, a form,
2.7 or other documentation to obtain a license, building permit, or other approval or for the
2.8 completion of an inspection or other activity necessary for a residential improvement.

2.9 (b) A veteran must provide proof of veteran status and attest in the form and manner
2.10 required by the municipality that a residential remodel or renovation is required to
2.11 accommodate the veteran's disability.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.