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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to consumer protection; limiting the import, manufacture, or sale of certain
1.3 table saws; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

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

1.5 Section 1. 325E.0685 TABLE SAWS; SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

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

1.8 (b) "Entity" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other
1.9 organization authorized to transact business in Minnesota. Entity does not include any state
1.10 or local government unit.

1.11 (c) "Table saw" means a woodworking tool that has a motor-driven circular saw blade
1.12 that protrudes through the surface of a table and is powered by alternating current from a
1.13 wall outlet. Table saw includes but is not limited to a bench, job site, contractor, hybrid,
1.14 cabinet, or sliding saw.

1.15 (d) "Test probe" means a device that enables the accurate measurement of the depth of
1.16 a cut. Test probe does not include a finger or other human body part.

1.17 Subd. 2. Prohibition. (a) An entity must not import, manufacture, sell, or offer for sale
1.18 a table saw that the entity knows or has reason to know does not meet the requirements
1.19 under paragraph (b).

1.20 (b) The maximum depth a table saw is capable of cutting for a test probe must not exceed
1.21 3.5 millimeters when the table saw:

2.1 (1) is powered on;

2.2 (2) has the center axis of a test probe moving parallel to, with a tolerance of 13 millimeters
2.3 to 17 millimeters, above the tabletop at a rate of one meter per second; and

2.4 (3) has the test probe contact a spinning saw blade that is set at the maximum height
2.5 setting.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Exception.** An entity does not violate this section if the entity is unable to
2.7 obtain, on fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory terms, a license under a patent required
2.8 to comply with subdivision 2.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Enforcement.** An entity that violates this section is subject to the penalties and
2.10 remedies, including a private right of action to recover damages, as provided in section
2.11 8.31.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.