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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1269

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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 creditor remedies; prohibiting garnishment of government aid for
1.3 assistance related to financial hardship during the COVID-19 public health
1.4 emergency.

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

1.6 Section 1. WAGE GARNISHMENT PROHIBITIONS ON COVID-19
1.7 GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

1.8 (a) Federal, state, local, and tribal governmental payments issued to relieve the adverse
1.9 economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic must be deemed to be government
1.10 assistance based on need under Minnesota Statutes, section 550.37, subdivision 14, making
1.11 them exempt from all claims for wage garnishments and levies of consumer debtors permitted
1.12 by Minnesota Statutes, chapters 550, 551, and 571.

1.13 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to domestic support orders and obligations, including
1.14 child support and spousal maintenance obligations, including but not limited to orders and
1.15 obligations under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 518 and 518A.

1.16 (c) This section expires on December 31, 2022.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section is effective the day following
1.18 final enactment and applies to government assistance provided on or after March 13, 2020.