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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to consumer protection; requiring disclosures regarding gas fireplaces;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

1.5 Section 1. 325F.241] GAS FIREPLACES; DISCLOSURES.

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

1.8 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor and industry.

1.9 (c) "Gas fireplace" means a vented fireplace that uses natural gas or liquefied petroleum
1.10 gas to operate.

1.11 (d) "Homeowner" means a person who owns legal or equitable interest in residential
1.12 real estate.

1.13 (e) "Prospective buyer" has the meaning given in section 513.52, subdivision 2.

1.14 (f) "Residential real estate" has the meaning given in section 326B.802, subdivision 13.

1.15 (g) "Residential remodeler" has the meaning given in section 326B.802, subdivision 12.

1.16 (h) "Seller" means a person who owns legal or equitable title to residential real estate
1.17 and intends to transfer the legal or equitable title via sale.

1.18 Subd. 2. Disclosure. A disclosure, in form and substance acceptable to the commissioner,
1.19 regarding the dangers and appropriate safety precautions for a gas fireplace must be provided
1.20 by:

2.1 (1) a residential remodeler to a homeowner at least three days before a gas fireplace is
2.2 installed; and

2.3 (2) a seller to a prospective buyer as part of the seller disclosures under section 513.55,
2.4 subdivision 1, when a gas fireplace is part of the residential real estate.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019.