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H. F. No. **2232**

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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 single-use plastics; banning the sale, offering for sale, or provision of
- 1.3 single-use plastics by hotels; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new
- 1.4 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. **[325E.047] SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BAN; HOTELS.**
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision
- 1.8 have the meanings given them.
- 1.9 (b) "Hotel" has the meaning given "hotel or motel" under section 157.15, subdivision
- 1.10 7.
- 1.11 (c) "Plastic" means a synthetic material composed of polymers that can be shaped when
- 1.12 soft and then hardened to retain a given shape.
- 1.13 (d) "Polymer" means a substance composed of very large molecules that are repeated
- 1.14 units of simpler chemicals called monomers.
- 1.15 (e) "Single-use" means a product designed to be used once by a consumer before disposal
- 1.16 or recycling, including but not limited to bottles containing liquids for human consumption,
- 1.17 food serviceware, and plastic bags.
- 1.18 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** After January 1, 2022, a hotel is prohibited from selling, offering
- 1.19 for sale, or providing to its customers a single-use plastic product.
- 1.20 Subd. 3. **Enforcement; civil penalty; injunctive relief.** (a) The owner of a hotel that
- 1.21 violates subdivision 2 is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for each single-use plastic product

2.1 sold, offered for sale, or provided to the hotel's customers, up to a maximum penalty of
2.2 \$10,000, and may be enjoined from the violation.

2.3 (b) The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the state in a court of
2.4 competent jurisdiction to recover civil penalties or for injunctive relief as provided in this
2.5 subdivision. The attorney general may accept an assurance of discontinuance of acts in
2.6 violation of subdivision 2 in the manner provided in section 8.31, subdivision 2b.

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