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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 257

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to counties; allowing collection of costs for public assistance to noncitizens;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 375.

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

1.5 Section 1. 375.88 COLLECTION OF COSTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO
1.6 NONCITIZENS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) "Local resettlement agency" means a local affiliate of a
1.8 voluntary resettlement agency as described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section
1.9 400.2.

1.10 (b) "Public assistance" means any assistance funded in whole or in part by the state, a
1.11 county, a municipality, or other local unit of government, but excludes any portion funded
1.12 by the federal government.

1.13 (c) "National voluntary agency" has the meaning given to "voluntary resettlement agency"
1.14 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 400.2.

1.15 (d) "Sponsor" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section
1.16 400.2.

1.17 Subd. 2. Power of county to collect public assistance costs. If a noncitizen receives
1.18 public assistance administered by a single county for at least six months, that county may
1.19 collect the cost, including administrative cost, of any additional public assistance administered
1.20 by that county to the noncitizen. The costs may be collected from any of the following: (1)
1.21 a local resettlement agency directly involved with the resettlement of the noncitizen; (2) a

- 2.1 national voluntary agency affiliated with such a local resettlement agency; or (3) a sponsor
- 2.2 that has agreed to help in the reception and placement of the noncitizen.