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NINETIETH SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading

Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to labor and industry; modifying journeyworker wage rate determination;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 178.044, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 178.044, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Journeyworker wage rate.** If the apprentice is not covered by a collective  
1.7 bargaining agreement, the journeyworker wage rate upon which the apprenticeship agreement  
1.8 graduated schedule of wages is calculated shall be:

1.9 ~~(1) the most current Minnesota state prevailing wage rate determination for the same~~  
1.10 ~~trade or occupation in the county in which the apprentice's employer is located. If an~~  
1.11 ~~apprenticeship agreement entered into after January 1, 2015, does not specify fringe benefits,~~  
1.12 ~~the journeyworker wage rate upon which the apprentice wage rate is calculated must be the~~  
1.13 ~~total rate listed in the wage determination~~ at minimum, an average of all journeyworkers  
1.14 currently employed by the sponsoring company at the same location where the apprentices  
1.15 are employed. When employed on a public work project financed in whole or part by state  
1.16 funds, apprentices shall be paid a portion of the prevailing wage rate; or

1.17 (2) if there is no Minnesota prevailing wage rate determination for the same trade or  
1.18 occupation in the county in which the apprentice's employer is located, the journeyworker  
1.19 wage may be determined by the sponsor with the approval of the division.