



2.1 proactive action or face adverse licensing consequences. The political subdivision may  
2.2 not require advance payment of a witness fee that is greater than \$20, plus mileage.

2.3 (b) It is a defense to an action to revoke a residential rental license, impose a fee or  
2.4 penalty for a license violation, or assess a higher or additional inspection charge that the  
2.5 landlord is unable to obtain testimony that is relevant to the landlord's defense because the  
2.6 political subdivision requested a witness fee or other charge in violation of this subdivision.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Local preemption.** This section preempts an inconsistent local ordinance,  
2.8 regulation, or similar law.