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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

**H. F. No. 1357**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices

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Read Second Time

05/06/2015 Calendar for the Day  
Read Third Time  
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

05/16/2015 Returned to the House as Amended by the Senate  
Read Third Time as Amended by the Senate  
Bill was repassed as Amended by the Senate  
Presented to Governor

05/19/2015 Governor Approval

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to civil law; requiring certificates of dissolution; adding requirements to  
1.3 the certificate of dissolution form; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
1.4 518.148.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518.148, is amended to read:

1.7 **518.148 CERTIFICATION OF DISSOLUTION.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Certificate of dissolution.** ~~An attorney or pro se party may prepare~~  
1.9 ~~and submit to~~ (a) The court must prepare a separate certificate of dissolution to be  
1.10 attached to the judgment and decree at the time of granting the dissolution of marriage.  
1.11 Upon approval by the court and filing of the certificate of dissolution with the court  
1.12 administrator, the court administrator shall provide to any party upon request certified  
1.13 copies of the certificate of dissolution. The court may direct an attorney or pro se party to  
1.14 prepare and submit the certificate of dissolution to the court.

1.15 (b) If a certificate of dissolution has not been prepared, either party may make  
1.16 a written request for a certificate of dissolution and the court shall approve a request  
1.17 pursuant to this section. The court may require the requesting party or their attorney to  
1.18 prepare the certificate of dissolution and submit the certificate to the court.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Required information.** The certificate shall include the following  
1.20 information:

1.21 (1) the full caption and file number of the case and the title "Certificate of  
1.22 Dissolution";

1.23 (2) the names and any prior or other names of the parties to the dissolution;

2.1 ~~(3) the names of any living minor or dependent children as identified in the judgment~~  
2.2 ~~and decree;~~

2.3 ~~(4) (3) that the marriage of the parties is dissolved;~~

2.4 ~~(5) (4) the date of the judgment and decree; and~~

2.5 ~~(6) the Social Security number of the parties to the dissolution and the Social~~  
2.6 ~~Security number of any living minor or dependent children identified in the judgment and~~  
2.7 ~~decree (5) if a name change has been granted, the former and the new name of the party~~  
2.8 ~~whose name was changed through the dissolution.~~

2.9 Subd. 3. **Certification.** The certificate of dissolution shall be conclusive evidence of  
2.10 the facts recited in the certificate.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section applies to judgments and decrees granted on or  
2.12 after August 1, 2015, except that subdivision 1, paragraph (b), applies to judgments and  
2.13 decrees granted before, on, or after August 1, 2015.