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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 1595**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to housing; directing the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to assist in  
1.3 the repair of flood-damaged properties; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PROPERTY REPAIRS FROM 2012 FLOOD; STUDY AND REPORT.**

1.6 (a) Of the unexpended and unencumbered amounts available as of the effective date  
1.7 of this act, money appropriated in Laws 2012, First Special Session chapter 1, section 7,  
1.8 must be used for the purposes in this section.

1.9 (b) The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency shall address housing repairs and  
1.10 related housing issues in the area in Minnesota designated under Presidential Declaration  
1.11 of a Major Disaster FEMA-4069-DR, whether included in the original declarations or  
1.12 added later by federal government action, referred to in this section as "the area included  
1.13 in DR-4069." The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency shall work with local agencies and  
1.14 the Long Term Recovery Committee to develop a new or modified program to help repair  
1.15 housing, both rental and owner-occupied, that was damaged in the flood, but have not been  
1.16 repaired by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's quick start disaster recovery program.

1.17 (c) The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, in collaboration with local agencies,  
1.18 shall develop a program to expedite the transfer of abandoned properties in the area  
1.19 included in DR-4069 to a responsible party. For the purposes of this section, "responsible  
1.20 party" means either the owner, mortgagor, or county, in the case of tax-forfeited land.

1.21 (d) The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency shall conduct a study of the housing  
1.22 needs of the area included in DR-4069. The study must include an on-site investigation of  
1.23 the storm-affected areas in the area included in DR-4069. The Minnesota Housing Finance  
1.24 Agency shall report to the legislature the results of the study by January 15, 2014.

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