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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2705

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to commerce; regulating closing agents; exempting a licensed attorney  
1.3 and a direct employee of a licensed attorney from the licensing requirements for  
1.4 closing agents; amending Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 82.641,  
1.5 subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 82.641, subdivision 1, is  
1.8 amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **License required.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph  
1.10 (b), a person shall not act as a real estate closing agent unless licensed as provided in  
1.11 this section. The commissioner shall issue a license as a closing agent to a person who  
1.12 qualifies for the license under the terms of this chapter.

1.13 (b) A licensed attorney, and a direct employee of a licensed attorney, are exempt  
1.14 from the licensing requirements of paragraph (a).

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