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		Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy
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A bill for an act

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relating to consumer protection; requiring debt collectors to provide information

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in the preferred language of the debtor; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

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Statutes, chapter 332.

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

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Section 1. [332.375] LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE.

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A collection agency or collector must:

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(1) record and retain the language preference of each consumer from whom they attempt

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to collect a debt;

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(2) upon the request of the debtor, provide a validation notice for proof of the debt in

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the debtor's preferred language;

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(3) wait 30 days from the date the validation notice under clause (2) is provided before

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collecting on a debt;

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(4) at the time the debtor indicates the language preference and at any other time if

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requested by the debtor, provide a simple glossary of common debt collection terms in the

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debtor's preferred language; and

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(5) provide an accurate and complete interpretation or written translation of

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correspondence related to the debt in the preferred language indicated by the debtor.