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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1356

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; adding definitions for regulation of safe drinking water; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. Connector. "Connector" means gooseneck, pigtail, and other service line
1.8 connectors. A connector is typically a short section of piping not exceeding two feet that
1.9 can be bent and used for connections between rigid service piping.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.11 read:

1.12 Subd. 3a. Galvanized requiring replacement. "Galvanized requiring replacement"
1.13 means a galvanized service line that is or was at any time connected to a lead service line,
1.14 lead status unknown service line, or currently or previously affixed to a lead connector. The
1.15 majority of galvanized service lines fall under this category.

1.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.17 read:

1.18 Subd. 3b. Galvanized service line. "Galvanized service line" means a service line made
1.19 of iron or piping that has been dipped in zinc to prevent corrosion and rusting.

2.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 3c. **Lead connector.** "Lead connector" means a connector made of lead. For the  
2.4 purposes of the lead service line inventory and lead service line replacement plan, if a service  
2.5 line has a lead connector, the service line shall be classified as a lead service line or a  
2.6 galvanized service line in need of replacement.

2.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.8 read:

2.9 Subd. 3d. **Lead service line.** "Lead service line" means a portion of pipe that is made  
2.10 of lead, which connects the water main to the building inlet. A lead service line may be  
2.11 owned by the water system, by the property owner, or both.

2.12 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.13 read:

2.14 Subd. 3e. **Lead status unknown service line or unknown service line.** "Lead status  
2.15 unknown service line" or "unknown service line" means a service line that has not been  
2.16 demonstrated to meet or does not meet the Safe Drinking Water Act section 1417, definition  
2.17 of lead free. It is not necessary to physically verify the material composition, such as copper  
2.18 or plastic, of a service line for its lead status to be identified. For example, records  
2.19 demonstrated the service line was installed after a municipal, state, or federal ban.

2.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.21 read:

2.22 Subd. 3f. **Nonlead service line.** "Nonlead service line" means a service line determined  
2.23 through an evidence-based record method or technique not to be a lead service line or  
2.24 galvanized service line requiring replacement. The water system may classify the actual  
2.25 material of the service line, such as copper or plastic, as an alternative to classifying it as  
2.26 nonlead for the purpose of the lead service line inventory. A galvanized service line may  
2.27 only be classified as nonlead if there is documentation verifying it was never connected to  
2.28 a lead service line or lead connector. Rarely will galvanized service lines be considered  
2.29 nonlead. Most nonlead service lines will be copper or plastic.

3.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.382, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.2 read:

3.3 Subd. 4a. **Service line.** "Service line" means a portion of pipe that connects the water  
3.4 main to the building inlet. A service line may be owned by the water system, by the property  
3.5 owner, or both. A service line may be made of many materials, such as lead, copper,  
3.6 galvanized steel, or plastic.