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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3221

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to building codes; requiring safety protection notice regarding residential
1.3 fire sprinklers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[325F.992] SINGLE-FAMILY HOME BUYERS PUBLIC SAFETY**
1.6 **PROTECTION ACT.**

1.7 (a) A residential building contractor or residential remodeler as defined under
1.8 section 326B.802 shall:

1.9 (1) provide information to prospective buyers about the requirements of the
1.10 International Residential Code related to residential fire sprinkler systems and shall, as
1.11 part of any sales presentation, show a video about the differences between legacy and
1.12 modern home construction;

1.13 (2) provide bids on home costs with and without the installation of residential fire
1.14 sprinklers and the amortization of the cost over a period of 30 years; and

1.15 (3) advise prospective buyers to obtain insurance information regarding premium
1.16 discounts that may apply as a result of the installation of residential fire sprinklers.

1.17 (b) Clients of residential building contractors or remodelers must certify, on a form
1.18 prescribed by the commissioner, that they have received the information required under
1.19 paragraph (a) and have been given a written notice as follows: "This residence will not
1.20 meet minimum fire protection standards of the International Residential Code if residential
1.21 fire sprinklers are not installed within the residence."

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for new residential construction or
1.23 remodeling contracts entered into after December 31, 2015.