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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3917

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; clarifying tenant's rights to contact emergency services;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 504B.205, subdivisions 2, 3, 6.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 504B.205, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. Emergency calls permitted. (a) A landlord may not:

1.7 (1) bar or limit a residential tenant's right to call for police or emergency assistance in
1.8 response to domestic abuse or any other conduct, including but not limited to mental health
1.9 or health crises; or

1.10 (2) impose a penalty on a residential tenant for calling for police or emergency assistance
1.11 in response to domestic abuse or any other conduct, including but not limited to mental
1.12 health or health crises.

1.13 (b) A residential tenant may not waive and a landlord may not require the residential
1.14 tenant to waive the residential tenant's right to call for police or emergency assistance.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 504B.205, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 3. Local preemption. This section preempts any inconsistent local ordinance or
1.17 rule including, without limitation, any ordinance or rule that:

1.18 (1) requires an eviction after a specified number of calls by a residential tenant for police
1.19 or emergency assistance in response to domestic abuse or any other conduct, including but
1.20 not limited to mental health or health crises; or

2.1 (2) provides that calls by a residential tenant for police or emergency assistance in  
2.2 response to domestic abuse or any other conduct, including but not limited to mental health  
2.3 or health crises, may be used to penalize or charge a fee to a landlord.

2.4 This subdivision shall not otherwise preempt any local ordinance or rule that penalizes  
2.5 a landlord for, or requires a landlord to abate, conduct on the premises that constitutes a  
2.6 nuisance or other disorderly conduct as defined by local ordinance or rule.

2.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 504B.205, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 6. **Attorney general authority.** The attorney general has authority under section  
2.9 8.31 to investigate and prosecute violations of this section, including situations involving  
2.10 local ordinances.