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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3981

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to consumer protection; requiring written estimates to be provided for
1.3 repairs costing more than \$100; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections
1.4 325F.56, subdivision 2; 325F.62, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.56, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Repairs.** "Repairs" means work performed for a total price of more than \$100
1.8 ~~and less than \$7,500~~, including the price of parts and materials, to restore a malfunctioning,
1.9 defective, or worn motor vehicle, appliance, or dwelling place used primarily for personal,
1.10 family, or household purposes and not primarily for business or agricultural purposes.
1.11 "Repairs" do not include service calls or estimates.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.62, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 3. **Required notice to be displayed.** Each shop shall conspicuously display a
1.14 sign that states the following: "Upon a customer's request, this shop is required to provide
1.15 a written estimate for repairs costing more than \$100 ~~to \$7,500~~ if the shop agrees to perform
1.16 the repairs. The shop's final price cannot exceed its written estimate by more than ten percent
1.17 without the prior authorization of the customer. You must request that the estimate be in
1.18 writing. An oral estimate is not subject to the above repair cost limitations. If the shop
1.19 charges a fee for the storage or care of repaired motor vehicles or appliances, the shop shall
1.20 conspicuously display a sign that states the amount assessed for storage or care, when the
1.21 charge begins to accrue, and the interval of time between assessments."