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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 479

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to building codes; requiring separate metering for natural gas and water
1.3 services in certain newly constructed residential buildings; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 326B.106, subdivision 12.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 326B.106, subdivision 12, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 12. **Separate metering for electric service, natural gas, and water services.**

1.9 The standards ~~concerning heat loss, illumination, and climate control~~ adopted pursuant
1.10 to subdivision 1; shall require that electrical service, natural gas, and water services
1.11 individual dwelling units in buildings containing two or more units be separately metered,
1.12 with individual metering readily accessible to the individual occupants. The standards
1.13 authorized by this subdivision shall only apply to buildings constructed after the effective
1.14 date of the amended standards. Buildings intended for occupancy primarily by persons
1.15 who are 62 years of age or older or disabled, supportive housing, or buildings that contain
1.16 a majority of units not equipped with complete kitchen facilities, shall be exempt from
1.17 the provisions of this subdivision. For purposes of this section, "supportive housing"
1.18 means housing made available to individuals and families with multiple barriers to
1.19 obtaining and maintaining housing, including those who are formerly homeless or at
1.20 risk of homelessness and those who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder,
1.21 debilitating disease, or a combination of these conditions.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.