

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 4394**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

**OFFICIAL STATUS**

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to civil law; directing the revisor of statutes to update terms used in statute.

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

1.4 Section 1. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

1.5 The revisor of statutes shall change the terms "husband," "wife," "husband and wife,"  
1.6 and "husband or wife" to "spouse," "spouses," or a similar gender-neutral term wherever  
1.7 the terms appear in Minnesota Statutes, unless the context indicates that the previous term  
1.8 should remain. The revisor of statutes shall also make grammatical changes related to the  
1.9 changes in terms.