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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to labor; adding medical examiner investigators to the list of essential
- 1.3 employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 179A.03, subdivision 7.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 179A.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 7. **Essential employee.** "Essential employee" means firefighters, peace officers
- 1.7 subject to licensure under sections 626.84 to 626.863, 911 system and police and fire
- 1.8 department public safety dispatchers, medical examiner investigators, guards at correctional
- 1.9 facilities, confidential employees, supervisory employees, assistant county attorneys, assistant
- 1.10 city attorneys, principals, and assistant principals. However, for state employees, "essential
- 1.11 employee" means all employees in law enforcement, public safety radio communications
- 1.12 operators, health care professionals, correctional guards, professional engineering, and
- 1.13 supervisory collective bargaining units, irrespective of severance, and no other employees.
- 1.14 For University of Minnesota employees, "essential employee" means all employees in law
- 1.15 enforcement, nursing professional and supervisory units, irrespective of severance, and no
- 1.16 other employees. "Firefighters" means salaried employees of a fire department whose duties
- 1.17 include, directly or indirectly, controlling, extinguishing, preventing, detecting, or
- 1.18 investigating fires. Employees for whom the state court administrator is the negotiating
- 1.19 employer are not essential employees. For Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. employees,
- 1.20 "essential employees" means all employees.