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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2889

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; allowing landlords to register to be notified of impending
1.3 utility disconnections of units in their buildings; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[216B.093] NOTIFICATION TO LANDLORD OF DISCONNECTION.**

1.7 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
1.8 have the meanings given them.

1.9 (b) "Landlord" has the meaning given in section 504B.001, subdivision 7.

1.10 (c) "Utility" means a public utility, cooperative electric association, or municipal
1.11 utility.

1.12 **Subd. 2. Landlord registration.** (a) A landlord may register with a utility delivering
1.13 natural gas or electric service to residential rental properties owned by the landlord to
1.14 receive notification when a utility customer residing in a residential rental property owned
1.15 by the landlord has failed to pay the customer's utility bill for three consecutive months,
1.16 even if the landlord is not the customer of record.

1.17 (b) When registering, the landlord shall provide the utility, at a minimum, the
1.18 landlord's name, address, the address of the residential rental properties, and, if applicable,
1.19 the company name, a contact person, and address of a property management company
1.20 managing the properties.

1.21 (c) The utility shall maintain a record of the information.

1.22 **Subd. 3. Notification.** A utility that receives a registration from a landlord under
1.23 subdivision 2 shall provide written notice to the landlord or, if applicable, to the property
1.24 management company, when a utility customer residing in a residential rental property

- 2.1 owned by the landlord has failed to pay the customer's utility bill for three consecutive
- 2.2 months.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.