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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 962

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; prohibiting business license revocation due to
1.3 noncompliance with executive order; imposing criminal penalties; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Noncompliance with executive orders. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the
1.9 contrary, no individual or business may have any license necessary for practicing their
1.10 profession or operating their business suspended or revoked due to noncompliance with an
1.11 executive order of the governor.

1.12 (b) Any representative of the government who, knowing that it is illegal to suspend or
1.13 revoke a license due to noncompliance with an executive order, attempts to suspend or
1.14 revoke such a license is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not
1.15 more than ten years or payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.17 applies to crimes committed on or after that date.