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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1766

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; authorizing certain cities to collect civil penalties
1.3 and fees as a special assessment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section
1.4 412.231.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 412.231, is amended to read:

1.7 **412.231 PENALTIES.**

1.8 (a) The council shall have the power to declare that the violation of any ordinance
1.9 shall be a penal offense and to prescribe penalties therefor. No such penalty shall exceed a
1.10 fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment in a city or county jail for a period of 90 days, or both,
1.11 but in either case the costs of prosecution may be added.

1.12 (b) A city may provide by ordinance that any civil penalties or fees the city imposes
1.13 as a result of property-related violations be assessed against property which was the
1.14 subject matter, or related to the subject matter, of penalties or fees, or property which was
1.15 the location of an activity, proposed use, delivery of city service, or other circumstances
1.16 which resulted in the penalties or fees. The assessments may be collected as a special
1.17 assessment pursuant to section 429.101.