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S.F. No. 1275

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02/22/2021	484	Introduction and first reading Referred to Labor and Industry Policy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to labor; adding medical examiner investigators to the list of essential

1.3employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 179A.03, subdivision 7.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 179A.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6Subd. 7. **Essential employee.** "Essential employee" means firefighters, peace officers

1.7subject to licensure under sections 626.84 to 626.863, 911 system and police and fire

1.8department public safety dispatchers, medical examiner investigators, guards at correctional

1.9facilities, confidential employees, supervisory employees, assistant county attorneys, assistant

1.10city attorneys, principals, and assistant principals. However, for state employees, "essential

1.11employee" means all employees in law enforcement, public safety radio communications

1.12operators, health care professionals, correctional guards, professional engineering, and

1.13supervisory collective bargaining units, irrespective of severance, and no other employees.

1.14For University of Minnesota employees, "essential employee" means all employees in law

1.15enforcement, nursing professional and supervisory units, irrespective of severance, and no

1.16other employees. "Firefighters" means salaried employees of a fire department whose duties

1.17include, directly or indirectly, controlling, extinguishing, preventing, detecting, or

1.18investigating fires. Employees for whom the state court administrator is the negotiating

1.19employer are not essential employees. For Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. employees,

1.20"essential employees" means all employees.