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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to telecommunications; requiring notice of automatic renewal cancellation;
- 1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **[325F.6931] TELEPHONE SERVICES; AUTOMATIC RENEWAL.**
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the definitions in chapter
- 1.7 237 apply and the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given them.
- 1.8 (b) "Service subscriber" means a person or entity that contracts with a telephone company
- 1.9 for telephone services or a telecommunications carrier for telecommunications services,
- 1.10 whether for commercial or consumer use.
- 1.11 Subd. 2. **Automatic renewals.** (a) A contract for telephone or telecommunications
- 1.12 services must not contain an automatic renewal clause unless the contract also requires that
- 1.13 the telephone company or telecommunications carrier provide the service subscriber with
- 1.14 written notice of the automatic renewal clause.
- 1.15 (b) The written notice must be in bold ten-point font and contain the last day the service
- 1.16 subscriber may provide notice of nonrenewal. The written notice must be provided to the
- 1.17 service subscriber:
- 1.18 (1) in the initial bill; and
- 1.19 (2) in any other document that is provided no less than 30 days and no more than 90
- 1.20 days prior to the last day the service subscriber may provide notice of nonrenewal.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Remedy.** An automatic renewal clause for which written notice is required
2.2 under subdivision 2 is void and unenforceable if:

2.3 (1) the contract does not contain the requirement that the written notice be given; or

2.4 (2) written notice is not provided to the service subscriber in compliance with subdivision

2.5 2.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to contracts
2.7 entered into or renewed on or after that date.