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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to telecommunications; requiring notice of automatic renewal cancellation;

1.3proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

1.5Section 1. [325F.6931] TELEPHONE SERVICES; AUTOMATIC RENEWAL.

1.6Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions contained in chapter 237 apply to this

1.7section, and the terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

1.8(b) "Service subscriber" means a person or entity that contracts with a telephone company

1.9for telephone services or a telecommunications carrier for telecommunications services,

1.10whether for commercial or consumer use.

1.11Subd. 2. **Automatic renewals.** A contract for telephone or telecommunications services

1.12must not contain an automatic renewal clause unless the contract also requires that the

1.13telephone company or telecommunications carrier provide the service subscriber with written

1.14notice of the automatic renewal clause. The written notice must be in bold ten-point font

1.15and contain the last day the service subscriber may provide notice of nonrenewal. The

1.16written notice must be provided to the service subscriber:

1.17(1) in the initial bill; and

1.18(2) in any other document that is provided no less than 30 days and no more than 90

1.19days prior to the last day the service subscriber may provide notice of nonrenewal.

1.20Subd. 3. **Remedy.** An automatic renewal clause for which written notice is required

1.21under subdivision 2 is void and unenforceable if:

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

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

2.3 2.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to contracts

2.5 entered into or renewed on or after that date.