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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 3417

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; providing for a pilot program for housing fidelity bonds;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

1.5 Section 1. [116J.418] HOUSING FIDELITY BOND PROGRAM.

1.6 By January 1, 2023, the commissioner must request permission from the United States
1.7 Department of Labor to implement a five-year pilot program that provides housing fidelity
1.8 bonds for individuals who are on medical assistance under chapter 256B and are receiving,
1.9 or have received, substance use disorder treatment services within the last 12 months. This
1.10 pilot should be modeled after the existing employment fidelity bond program currently
1.11 funded through the United States Department of Labor and implemented by the Department
1.12 of Employment and Economic Development. The commissioner must confer with the
1.13 commissioner of human services to optimize the use of available housing stabilization
1.14 services when and where available to implement the pilot. During the implementation
1.15 process the commissioner must confer with key stakeholders including but not limited to:
1.16 individuals who have been through substance use disorder treatment, family members of a
1.17 person in recovery, health care treatment professionals, rental housing providers, housing
1.18 stabilization service providers, and any other stakeholders the commissioner deems necessary.