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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing an Americans with Disabilities Act
1.3 Notice to Businesses Working Group; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE TO BUSINESSES**
1.6 **WORKING GROUP.**

1.7 Subd. 1. **Establishment.** The Americans with Disabilities Act Notice to Businesses
1.8 Working Group is established to develop recommendations for the provision to certain
1.9 business owners who file building renovation, remodeling, or structural change plans with
1.10 municipal building officials of notice of whether and to what extent the building and any
1.11 environs owned, managed, or otherwise within the control or legal responsibility of the
1.12 building owner are in compliance with accessibility requirements under the Americans with
1.13 Disabilities Act, the Minnesota Human Rights Act, and relevant state building codes.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Working group.** (a) The working group shall consist of 13 members as follows:

1.15 (1) the commissioner of human rights or the commissioner's designee;

1.16 (2) the executive director of the Minnesota State Council on Disability or the executive
1.17 director's designee;

1.18 (3) one member appointed by the Association of Minnesota Building Officials;

1.19 (4) one member appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;

1.20 (5) one member appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

1.21 (6) one member appointed by the American Society of Civil Engineers;

2.1 (7) one member appointed by the American Institute of Architects;

2.2 (8) one member appointed by the American Society of Landscape Architects;

2.3 (9) one member appointed by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;

2.4 (10) one member appointed by the National Federation of Independent Business;

2.5 (11) one member appointed by the Twin Cities Metro Independent Business Alliance;

2.6 (12) one member appointed by the Minnesota Disability Law Center; and

2.7 (13) the commissioner of labor and industry or the commissioner's designee.

2.8 (b) The commissioner of labor and industry or the commissioner's designee shall serve
2.9 as chair of the working group.

2.10 (c) Any public member may designate a substitute from their same organization to
2.11 replace that member at a meeting of the working group.

2.12 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The working group must develop recommendations to determine the
2.13 following information for notice to business owners who file building renovation, remodeling,
2.14 or structural change plans for approval with a municipal building official:

2.15 (1) the content, form, and timing of the notice of whether and to what extent the building
2.16 and any environs owned, managed, or otherwise within the control or legal responsibility
2.17 of the building owner are in compliance with accessibility requirements under the Americans
2.18 with Disabilities Act, the Minnesota Human Rights Act, and relevant state building codes;
2.19 and

2.20 (2) the appropriate entity or entities that are responsible for providing the notice.

2.21 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of labor and industry shall provide
2.22 administrative support and meeting space for the working group.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Compensation.** Members of the working group serve without compensation
2.24 and are not reimbursed for expenses.

2.25 Subd. 6. **Meetings.** The working group shall meet once per month for three months and
2.26 thereafter as necessary and at the call of the chair. Meetings of the working group are subject
2.27 to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

2.28 Subd. 7. **Appointments; first meeting.** Appointments to the working group must be
2.29 made by June 1, 2017. The commissioner of labor and industry shall convene the first
2.30 meeting by July 15, 2017.

3.1 Subd. 8. Report to legislature. By January 15, 2018, the commissioner of labor and
3.2 industry shall submit a report detailing the working group's findings and recommendations
3.3 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives
3.4 committees with jurisdiction over civil law and judiciary policy and finance. The report
3.5 must include any draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations of the
3.6 working group.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.