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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to consumer protection; regulating security freezes; prohibiting certain
1.3 fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13C.016, subdivision 8.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13C.016, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 8. Fees. (a) A consumer reporting agency may not charge a fee of \$5 for placing,
1.7 temporarily lifting, or removing a security freeze ~~unless:~~

1.8 ~~(1) the consumer is a victim of identity theft as defined in subdivision 1, paragraph (e);~~
1.9 ~~and~~

1.10 ~~(2) the consumer provides the consumer reporting agency with a valid copy of a police~~
1.11 ~~report or a police case number documenting the identity theft.~~

1.12 (b) ~~In addition to the charge, if any, permitted under paragraph (a),~~ A consumer may be
1.13 charged no more than \$5 if the consumer fails to retain the original personal identification
1.14 number given to the consumer by the agency, but the consumer may not be charged for a
1.15 onetime reissue of the same or a new personal identification number. The consumer may
1.16 be charged no more than \$5 for subsequent instances of loss of the personal identification
1.17 number.

1.18 (c) A consumer who makes a written request by mail may pay any fee charged pursuant
1.19 to this subdivision by check, money order, or credit card. A consumer who makes a request
1.20 by telephone or other electronic media may pay any fee charged pursuant to this subdivision
1.21 by credit card.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
- 2.2 applies to security freezes placed, temporarily lifted, or removed on or after that date.