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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight

A bill for an act

relating to human services; requiring drug screening for MFIP eligibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.15, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. **Eligibility; drug screening.** (a) To be eligible for MFIP, a person must undergo drug and alcohol screening, to the extent practicable, following the established procedures and reliability safeguards provided for screening in sections 181.951, 181.953, and 181.954. A county agency may require a recipient of benefits to undergo random drug screening. An applicant must provide evidence of a negative test result to the appropriate county agency prior to being accepted for MFIP benefits and prior to receiving an extension of benefits under section 256J.425.

(b) A laboratory must report to the appropriate county agency any positive test results returned on an applicant or recipient of MFIP benefits. Upon receipt of a positive test result, a county agency must deny or discontinue benefits until the person demonstrates a pattern of negative test results that satisfy the agency that the person is no longer a drug user.