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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3537

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; treatment; chemically dependent individuals;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. STUDY ON LICENSING OF SOBER HOMES.

1.6 (a) The commissioner of human services, in collaboration with the commissioner of
1.7 health, shall study baseline standards in the operation of sober homes for people with
1.8 substance use disorders. At a minimum, this study must:

1.9 (1) develop an operational definition of a sober home;

1.10 (2) develop eligibility criteria for living in a sober home;

1.11 (3) develop criteria for discharging a resident of a sober home;

1.12 (4) recommend evidence-based practices to support residents in their recovery while at
1.13 a sober home, including culturally competent care, treatment of co-occurring mental illnesses,
1.14 and medication-assisted treatment;

1.15 (5) develop model written policies and procedures for sober homes;

1.16 (6) recommend minimum standards for the health, safety, and management of sober
1.17 homes; and

1.18 (7) recommend potential licensing options for sober homes, including an analysis of
1.19 sober homes in other states.

1.20 (b) This study must be developed in consultation with residents and former residents of
1.21 sober homes based in Minnesota, the Minnesota Society for Addiction Medicine, NAMI

2.1 Minnesota, the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health,
2.2 the Minnesota Association of Sober Homes, and other interested parties identified by the
2.3 commissioner of human services. The Department of Human Services must complete and
2.4 submit a report on this study to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.5 committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance on or before September
2.6 15, 2021.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.8 \$..... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.9 human services to conduct the study under section 1.