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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2462**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; providing an exemption for religious beliefs for

1.3 entities providing certain services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.4 Statutes, chapter 15.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[15.88] EXEMPTION FOR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.**

1.7 Notwithstanding chapter 363A or any law to the contrary, no person, organization,

1.8 or entity shall incur a civil or criminal penalty for refusing to provide a service, or refusing

1.9 to allow the use of property or facilities for any activity that is prohibited by or is against

1.10 the person's, organization's, or entity's sincerely held religious beliefs.