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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3989

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to consumer protection; making changes to flame resistant public assembly
1.3 tents and sleeping bags; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 325F.03;
1.4 325F.04; 325F.05.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.03, is amended to read:

1.7 325F.03 FLAME RESISTANT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY TENTS.

1.8 No person, firm or corporation shall establish, maintain or operate any circus, side show,
1.9 carnival, tent show, theater, skating rink, dance hall, or a similar exhibition, production,
1.10 engagement or offering or other place of assemblage in or under which ten 15 or more
1.11 persons may gather for any lawful purpose in any tent, awning or other fabric enclosure
1.12 unless such tent, awning or other fabric enclosure, and all auxiliary tents, curtains, drops,
1.13 awnings and all decorative materials, are made from a nonflammable material or are treated
1.14 and maintained in a flame resistant condition. This section shall does not apply to tents
1.15 designed or manufactured for camping, backpacking, mountaineering, or children's play;
1.16 tents used to conduct committal services on the grounds of a cemetery; nor to tents, awnings
1.17 or other fabric enclosures erected and used within a sound stage, or other similar structural
1.18 enclosure which is equipped with an overhead automatic sprinkler system.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.04, is amended to read:

1.20 325F.04 FLAME RESISTANT TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS.

1.21 No person, firm, or corporation may sell or offer for sale or manufacture for sale in this
1.22 state any tent subject to section 325F.03 unless all fabrics or pliable materials in the tent

2.1 are durably flame resistant. ~~No person, firm or corporation may sell or offer for sale or~~
2.2 ~~manufacture for sale in this state any sleeping bag unless it meets the standards of the~~
2.3 ~~commissioner of public safety for flame resistancy. Tents and sleeping bags~~ subject to
2.4 section 325F.03 shall be conspicuously labeled as being durably flame resistant.

2.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.05, is amended to read:

2.6 **325F.05 RULES.**

2.7 The commissioner of public safety shall act so as to have effective rules concerning
2.8 standards for ~~nonflammable, flame resistant and durably~~ flame resistant materials and for
2.9 labeling requirements ~~by January 1, 1976~~ under sections 325F.03 and 325F.04. In order to
2.10 comply with sections 325F.03 and 325F.04 all materials and labels must comply with the
2.11 rules adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner has general rulemaking power to
2.12 otherwise implement sections 325F.03 to 325F.07.