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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 5192

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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; requiring certain publicly funded stadiums to
1.3 accept cash payments for goods and services; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

1.6 Section 1. 325F.025 ACCEPTANCE OF CASH PAYMENT.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8 the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Cash" means the physical form of United States currency, whether paper money or
1.10 coins.

1.11 (c) "Preferential tax treatment" means:

1.12 (1) a property tax exemption, abatement, credit, or other benefit, including a tax increment
1.13 financing district;

1.14 (2) a sales tax exemption for (i) construction materials used to construct a facility, (ii)
1.15 vendors operating at the facility, or (iii) individuals attending events at the facility; or

1.16 (3) any other tax law that specifically reduces the tax liability (i) of or at a sports facility,
1.17 or (ii) for a taxpayer that owns the sports facility.

1.18 (d) "Publicly funded sports facility" means a sports facility that has seating capacity for
1.19 10,000 or more individuals and that received financial support from the state, county, or
1.20 city, including but not limited to:

1.21 (1) preferential tax treatment; or

2.1 (2) a state, county, or city appropriation, grant, or loan that pays for all or a portion of
 2.2 constructing, maintaining, improving, or operating the sports facility.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Payment in cash must be allowed; publicly funded sports facilities.** Payment
 2.4 in cash must be accepted for all sales of goods and services, including but not limited to
 2.5 sales for admission, parking, concessions, and merchandise, made at a publicly funded
 2.6 sports facility to persons attending events at the facility.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Remedies.** The attorney general may bring an action under section 8.31 against
 2.8 any person who violates this section.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.