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Introduction and first reading  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; authorizing integrated community support settings to  
1.3 be housing support establishments; requiring annual requests for proposals to  
1.4 develop housing support establishments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,  
1.5 section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. **License required; staffing qualifications.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~  
1.9 paragraphs (b) and (e), an agency may not enter into an agreement with an establishment  
1.10 to provide housing support unless:

1.11 (1) the establishment is licensed by the Department of Health as a hotel and restaurant;  
1.12 a board and lodging establishment; a boarding care home before March 1, 1985; or a  
1.13 supervised living facility, and the service provider for residents of the facility is licensed  
1.14 under chapter 245A. However, an establishment licensed by the Department of Health to  
1.15 provide lodging need not also be licensed to provide board if meals are being supplied to  
1.16 residents under a contract with a food vendor who is licensed by the Department of Health;

1.17 (2) the residence is: (i) licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota  
1.18 Rules, parts 9555.5050 to 9555.6265; (ii) certified by a county human services agency prior  
1.19 to July 1, 1992, using the standards under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5050 to 9555.6265;  
1.20 (iii) licensed by the commissioner under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0120,  
1.21 with a variance under section 245A.04, subdivision 9; or (iv) licensed under section 245D.02,  
1.22 subdivision 4a, as a community residential setting by the commissioner of human services;  
1.23 or

2.1 (3) the facility is ~~registered under chapter 144D~~ or licensed under chapter 144G and  
2.2 provides three meals a day.

2.3 (b) The requirements under paragraph (a) do not apply to establishments exempt from  
2.4 state licensure because they are:

2.5 (1) located on Indian reservations and subject to tribal health and safety requirements;  
2.6 or

2.7 (2) supportive housing establishments where an individual has an approved habitability  
2.8 inspection and an individual lease agreement.

2.9 (c) Supportive housing establishments that serve individuals who have experienced  
2.10 long-term homelessness and emergency shelters must participate in the homeless management  
2.11 information system and a coordinated assessment system as defined by the commissioner.

2.12 (d) ~~Effective July 1, 2016,~~ An agency shall not have an agreement with a provider of  
2.13 housing support unless all staff members who have direct contact with recipients:

2.14 (1) have skills and knowledge acquired through one or more of the following:

2.15 (i) a course of study in a health- or human services-related field leading to a bachelor  
2.16 of arts, bachelor of science, or associate's degree;

2.17 (ii) one year of experience with the target population served;

2.18 (iii) experience as a mental health certified peer specialist according to section 256B.0615;

2.19 or

2.20 (iv) meeting the requirements for unlicensed personnel under sections 144A.43 to  
2.21 144A.483;

2.22 (2) hold a current driver's license appropriate to the vehicle driven if transporting  
2.23 recipients;

2.24 (3) complete training on vulnerable adults mandated reporting and child maltreatment  
2.25 mandated reporting, where applicable; and

2.26 (4) complete housing support orientation training offered by the commissioner.

2.27 (e) The requirements of paragraph (a) do not apply to an establishment for which a  
2.28 provider of integrated community supports licensed under chapter 245D has fulfilled the  
2.29 requirements under section 245D.12.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.2 read:

3.3 Subd. 3a. **Required requests for proposals to develop housing support**  
3.4 **establishments.** (a) Beginning August 1, 2023, each lead agency must issue a request for  
3.5 proposals to develop housing support establishments at least once every 12 months.

3.6 (b) Each lead agency must include in its annual request for proposals to develop housing  
3.7 support establishments the option to propose the development of housing support  
3.8 establishments in which integrated community supports licensed under chapter 245D are  
3.9 provided.

3.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.