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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 573

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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 state government; establishing immunity for violations of certain
1.3 executive orders.

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

1.5 Section 1. IMMUNITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

1.6 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no individual or business may be subject
1.7 to any of the following consequences for noncompliance with an executive order of the
1.8 governor issued pursuant to the peacetime emergency declared on March 13, 2020, in
1.9 Executive Order No. 20-01:

1.10 (1) conviction of a petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or gross misdemeanor;

1.11 (2) imposition of a civil penalty of any amount; or

1.12 (3) suspension or revocation of any license necessary for practicing a profession or
1.13 operating a business.

1.14 (b) If any consequence was imposed in violation of paragraph (a), convictions shall be
1.15 vacated and dismissed, fines and penalties shall be refunded, and licenses shall be reinstated.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment and
1.17 applies retroactively from March 13, 2020. Paragraph (b) is effective the day following
1.18 final enactment.