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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 718

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to courts; increasing the fees paid to witnesses; amending Minnesota  
1.3 Statutes 2012, section 357.22.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 357.22, is amended to read:

1.6 **357.22 WITNESSES.**

1.7 The fees to be paid to witnesses shall be as follows:

1.8 (1) for attending in any action or proceeding in any court or before any officer,  
1.9 person, or board authorized to take the examination of witnesses, prevailing Minnesota  
1.10 minimum wage for each hour in attendance or \$20 for each day, whichever is more;

1.11 (2) for travel to and from the place of attendance, to be estimated from the witness's  
1.12 residence, if within the state, or from the boundary line of the state where the witness  
1.13 crossed it, if without the state, 28 cents per mile the standard mileage rate effective at the  
1.14 time of travel, as established by the Internal Revenue Service for computing the deductible  
1.15 costs of operating an automobile for business expense purposes.

1.16 No person is obliged to attend as a witness in any civil case unless one day's  
1.17 attendance and travel fees are paid or tendered the witness in advance.