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Overview

This bill proposes changes to the Safe at Home Program. Safe at Home is an address confidentiality program for Minnesota residents who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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- 1** **Definitions.** Defines “mail” to mean first class letters delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, including priority, express, and certified mail, and excluding packages, parcels, periodicals, and catalogues, unless they are clearly identified pharmaceuticals or sent by a government agency.
- 2** **Application.** Provides that a Safe at Home applicant may authorize the secretary of state to confirm the applicant’s participation in the program to a third party who provides the participant’s name and lot number.
- 3** **Data classification.**

Subd. 1. Classification of data. Clarifies that an applicant or participant cannot give consent to release the person’s address.

Subd. 2. Release of data. Authorizes the secretary of state to share private data with the BCA if the secretary, in consultation with the BCA, determines that release will promote public safety. Private data may be released by the BCA to a law enforcement agency upon verification that release is needed to aid in a response to an emergency or criminal complaint or investigation. Classifies request and data sharing

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information as private or nonpublic data.

4 **Data on safe at home participants.** Classifies data released under section 3 to law enforcement as private data.

5-7 **Driver's license and identification cards.** Authorizes the use of a designated address under the Safe at Home program to be used for Minnesota driver's licenses and identification cards.