

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 969 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [504B.179] RENT AND FEES; COLLECTION PRACTICES.

1.4 (a) For the purposes of this section, "debt" means rent, a fee, or any other charge alleged
1.5 to be delinquent, due and unpaid, or otherwise owed.

1.6 (b) A landlord collecting or attempting to collect a debt owed by a tenant, must not:

1.7 (1) make false, misleading, or deceptive representations;

1.8 (2) use or threaten the use of violence or other criminal means to collect the debt or harm
1.9 the physical person, reputation, or property of any person;

1.10 (3) use obscene or profane language;

1.11 (4) represent or imply that nonpayment of the debt is a crime or that nonpayment will
1.12 result in the arrest or imprisonment of the tenant or any other person;

1.13 (5) threaten seizure, garnishment, attachment, sale of any property or wages of the tenant
1.14 or any other person, or take any other action the landlord is not legally entitled to take;

1.15 (6) commence a legal action to collect a debt outside the limitations period set forth in
1.16 section 541.053;

1.17 (7) communicate with the tenant about the debt before 8:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.;

1.18 (8) communicate with the tenant's employer or, except with the tenant's consent,
1.19 communicate with the tenant at the tenant's place of employment;

1.20 (9) communicate with anyone other than the tenant about the tenant's debt;

2.1 (10) if not an attorney licensed in Minnesota, furnish or hold themselves out as being
2.2 competent to provide legal advice or hold themselves out to be an attorney or represent they
2.3 are competent to provide;

2.4 (11) publish or cause to be published the fact that the tenant owes rent, a fee, or other
2.5 delinquent charges;

2.6 (12) fail to issue a receipt for payment of any part of the debt accepted by the landlord;
2.7 or

2.8 (13) if not a public provider of housing, communicate with the tenant in any way that
2.9 implies the communication is from any unit of government.

2.10 (c) The attorney general shall also have authority to enforce this section under section
2.11 8.31.

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

2.13 Amend the title accordingly