

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

This bill makes technical changes and modifies the submission date of a report that are under the jurisdiction of the Department's Division of Energy Resources. The changes are as follows:

Cold Weather Rule Technical Change

- It updates Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.096, subdivision 11 so it can be aligned with the changes that was incorporated in Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Spec. Sess. chapter 4, article 8, section 9, section 10.
- This change orders utilities companies to submit by October 15 an electronic file with file with the commission a report, in a format specified by the commission, specifying the number of utility heating service customers whose service is disconnected or remains disconnected for nonpayment.

Date change for Annual Report on Telecommunications Access

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WHY IS THIS BILL IMPORTANT?

This bill will update Minn. Stat. § 216B.096, subdivision 11 so it can be aligned with the reporting requirements and electronic filing and submissions that conform with specifying new dates that were established in 2021 in relation to the Cold Weather Rule for the benefit all Minnesotans. Also, this bill will amend Minn. Stat. § 237.55 to provide the Department enough time for the development of the Annual Report on Telecommunications Access so it can provide with the most updated information and statistics for its annual report to the Legislature.

HOW WILL MINNESOTANS BE BETTER OFF IF WE PASS THIS BILL?

Individual Minnesotans, organizations and businesses will benefit from clarification and consistency in the statutes that pertain to the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

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