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Overview

This bill allows some out-of-state collection agencies who collect from Minnesota debtors to be exempt from Minnesota requirements for collection agency licensing, but requires them to obtain certificates of exemption.

Section

- 1 **Exempt out-of-state collection agency.** Provides for a new definition of an exempt out-of-state collection agency, which is an agency that has no physical presence in Minnesota, collects on behalf of out-of-state creditors, and collects only by interstate methods such as phone and fax.
- 2 **Exemption from licensure.** Requires an exempt agency to receive a certificate of exemption from the commissioner of commerce before it undertakes collection efforts regarding Minnesota debtors. The certificate exempts the agency from licensure requirements, but does not exempt the agency from the prohibitions on unfair practices or certain other provisions. To receive the certificate, the agency must provide certain information to the commissioner and agree to limitations on its activities.