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## Overview

This act adds a new section to the chapter of Minnesota Statutes dealing with immunity from civil actions. The act provides that an individual who seeks assistance from, or reports apparent unlawful conduct to, law enforcement, is not liable for civil damages as a result. If an individual who is sued for contacting law enforcement wins that suit, the losing party must pay the individual's attorney fees and costs. The act does not exempt individuals from complying with professional confidentiality duties.