## House Research Act Summary

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**TOPIC:** Expansion of debt settlement services regulation

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## **Overview**

This act expands the regulation of debt settlement services to include those who provide advice or act as an intermediary for the purpose of settling delinquent federal or state taxes.

## **Section**

- **Debt management services provider.** Clarifies that the federal government is not a debt management services provider.
- **Venue.** Prohibits debt management service agreements from including a venue provision that would require legal disputes to be filed outside of Minnesota.
- **Creditor.** Defines the federal and state government as creditors when delinquent taxes are owed to them.
- **Debt settlement services.** Defines debt settlement services to include providing advice and acting as an intermediary to settle delinquent taxes owed to the federal or state government.