

# Chapter 81

2022 Regular Session

**Subject** Uniform Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act

**Bill** H.F. 2354

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## Overview

This act provides a process to register a Canadian court judgment for money in Minnesota. This process is in addition to the existing process to registering a foreign-money judgment from another jurisdiction but has a court form that simplifies the filing and notice procedures. This is a Uniform Law drafted by the Uniform Laws Commission and has been enacted in Colorado, Nevada, Nebraska, and Rhode Island.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Short title.</b></p> <p>Provides a short title for the law “Uniform Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act.” (URCMJA)</p>
2	<p><b>Definitions.</b></p> <p>Provides definitions for the terms “Canada” and “Canadian judgment” and excludes judgments from other foreign countries recognized by a Canadian court.</p>
3	<p><b>Applicability.</b></p> <p>Provides that the sections included in the URCMJA are only applicable to the registration and enforcement of the part of judgment that relates to the grant of the recovery of a sum of money.</p>
4	<p><b>Registration of Canadian judgment.</b></p> <p>Provides a process to register a Canadian judgment with a court in Minnesota and requires the court documents to include information including: the amount owed in the judgment; the amount paid; and the amount owed due to fees and costs. This section provides a court form to use to register a Canadian money judgment.</p>

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5	<b>Effect of registration.</b> Provides that a judgment registered under this section is recognized and enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as a judgment rendered in this state.
6	<b>Notice of registration.</b> Provides notice of the registration of the judgment to the person who the judgment is against and proof of that notice to the court.
7	<b>Petition to vacate registration.</b> Provides that a person may oppose the registration of a judgment against them, within 30 days of notice or later if the court allows it, and provides what the petition to oppose the registration of a judgment for money must include.
8	<b>Stay of enforcement of judgment pending determination of petitions.</b> Allows the court to stay the enforcement of a Canadian judgment for money until the petition to vacate the registration has been determined if the petition to vacate shows merit.
9	<b>Relationship to Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act.</b> Allows a person to file a Canadian judgment for money under either the URCMJA or the existing law for registering a foreign judgment for money, but not both.
10	<b>Uniformity of application and interpretation.</b> Requires the court to consider the need for uniformity in application of the uniform law.
11	<b>Transitional provision.</b> Provides that this uniform law would apply to court orders entered in a proceeding that is commenced in Canada on or after this law is passed in Minnesota.



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