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Section

- 1 **Bleacher safety exemption.** Provides that bleachers owned by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission may have open spaces not exceeding nine inches. Under current law, the nine-inch standard applies to the University of Minnesota, MnSCU, private colleges or universities, and to retractable bleachers in place as of January 1, 2001.
The general rule, under current law, is the open spaces between bleacher footboards, seats, and guardrails may not exceed four inches, unless approved safety nets are installed.
Provides that the 1999 bleacher safety law does not apply to temporary bleacher seating in the Metrodome for NCAA events.
- 2 **Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.