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Overview

This bill creates a system for self-service storage facility owners to sell storage unit insurance, which covers the personal property stored at the facility.

Section

1 Sale of self-storage insurance; licensing of agents.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines a “self-service storage facility” as real estate that is used for renting or leasing storage spaces, in which occupants store and remove their personal property. Defines “owner” as the owner, or agent of owner, of a self-service storage facility.

Subd. 2. Requirements. Allows owners to sell insurance in connection with the rental of the storage space. Requires the owner to file an application with the commissioner of commerce and notify the commissioner if the agent begins selling self-service storage insurance at any location.

Allows owners to sell self-service storage insurance only in connection with the rental of a space and only for the loss or damage of personal property at the storage facility. Exempts owners from the insurance producer statutes. Allows owners to train employees to sell this insurance, and does not prohibit the payment of commissions or fees. Requires certain disclosures to be provided to the occupant, including the terms of the insurance policy, that the insurance may duplicate coverage, and any fees being charged in addition to the premium.