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Overview

This bill modifies provisions in the Minnesota Radon Licensing Act (section 144.4961).

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- 1 Radon testing and mitigation data.** Adds subd. 5 to § 13.3805. Classifies data maintained by the Health Department that identify the address of a radon testing or mitigation site and contact information for residents and residential property owners of radon testing or mitigation sites, as private data on individuals or nonpublic data.
Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
- 2 Rulemaking.** Amends § 144.4961, subd. 3. Clarifies the authority of the commissioner of health to adopt rules to establish licensure requirements and work standards for indoor radon in dwellings and other buildings.
Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
- 3 System tag.** Amends § 144.4961, subd. 4. Requires radon mitigation systems installed on or after January 1, 2018, to have radon mitigation tags provided by the commissioner of health (current law requires radon mitigation tags for systems installed on or after October 1, 2017).
Effective date. Makes this section effective July 1, 2018.
- 4 License required annually.** Amends § 144.4961, subd. 5. Modifies the services for which radon licensure is required, to not require licensure for persons, firms or corporations that sell

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devices to detect radon indoors. Also removes an exemption for retail stores that is no longer needed, since licensure is no longer required for entities that sell radon detection devices.

Effective date. Makes this section effective July 1, 2018.

5 Exemptions. Amends § 144.4961, subd. 6. Exempts the following from licensure requirements for radon testing and mitigation professionals and firms:

- employees of a firm or corporation that installs radon control systems in newly constructed Minnesota homes;
- building officials that enforce the Building Code or their designees; and
- persons and entities that distribute radon testing devices or information for educational purposes.

Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

6 Licensing fees. Amends § 144.4961, subd. 8. Modifies radon licensure fees for measurement professionals, mitigation professionals, and mitigation companies. Specifies that employees or subcontractors supervised by a licensed mitigation professional are not required to be licensed. Waives the license fee for mitigation companies that employ only one licensed mitigation professional.

Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

7 Local inspections or permits. Adds subd. 10 to § 144.4961. Provides that the Minnesota Radon Licensing Act does not preclude local units of government from requiring additional permits or inspections for radon control systems, and does not supersede local inspection or permit requirements.

Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

8 Application; newly constructed homes. Adds subd. 11 to section 144.4961. Specifies section 144.4961 does not apply to newly constructed Minnesota homes prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

9 Effective date. Modifies the effective date for provisions requiring radon mitigation system tags and requiring licensure for radon testing and mitigation professionals and firms, from October 1, 2017, to January 1, 2018.