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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill changes the current law so that court orders on class certification in class action law suits are treated as final and appealable orders.

#### Section

**1** **Class actions; interlocutory appeals.** Permits a court's order related to certification of a class, including refusing to certify or denying a motion to decertify a class in a class action suit to be appealed before the case moves forward.

If an order related to class certification is appealed, proceedings on that suit in district court, including discovery, are automatically stayed while the appeal is pending. A party may file a motion to have the stay fully or partially lifted for good cause.

Currently the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure allow a discretionary appeal so that the Court Appeals may allow the appeal but the appeal will not stop the district court action unless the court of appeals specifically provides for that in an order.

This section would apply to cases that are pending on or filed on or after July 1, 2015.