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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 114

- 01/14/2021 Authored by Moller, Becker-Finn and Huot
- 02/01/2021 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law
- 02/01/2021 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
- 02/04/2021 Read for the Second Time
- 02/04/2021 Calendar for the Day
- 02/04/2021 Read for the Third Time
- 02/11/2021 Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate
- 02/11/2021 Passed by the Senate and returned to the House
- 02/12/2021 Presented to Governor
- 02/12/2021 Governor Approval

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to civil actions; suspending the expiring of statutory deadlines imposed

1.3 upon judicial proceedings during a peacetime emergency; amending Laws 2020,

1.4 chapter 74, article 1, section 16.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2020, chapter 74, article 1, section 16, is amended to read:

1.7 **Sec. 16. DEADLINES GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT AND**

1.8 **APPELLATE COURTS SUSPENDED DURING PEACETIME EMERGENCY.**

1.9 ~~(a) The running of~~ Deadlines imposed by statutes governing proceedings in the district

1.10 and appellate courts, including any statutes of limitations or other time periods prescribed

1.11 by statute, ~~is suspended during~~ shall not expire from the beginning of the peacetime

1.12 emergency declared on March 13, 2020, in governor's Executive Order 20-01 ~~and any~~

1.13 ~~extensions authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31, subdivision 2, and for 60~~

1.14 ~~days after the end of the peacetime emergency declaration~~ through April 15, 2021. Nothing

1.15 in this paragraph prevents a court from holding a hearing, requiring an appearance, or issuing

1.16 an order during the peacetime emergency if the judge determines that individual

1.17 circumstances relevant to public safety, personal safety, or other emergency matters require

1.18 action in a specific case.

1.19 ~~(b) This section expires 60 days after the end of the peacetime emergency declaration~~

1.20 ~~described in paragraph (a) or February 15, 2021, whichever is earlier.~~

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
- 2.2 applies to all deadlines that had not expired as of March 13, 2020, and that would have
- 2.3 expired during the period starting March 13, 2020, and ending April 15, 2021.