

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a heating and cooling policy for state
1.3 building projects funded with state appropriations; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16B.326] HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; STATE-FUNDED**
1.7 **BUILDINGS.**

1.8 A project to construct or significantly renovate a building that receives any state
1.9 funding for replacement of heating or cooling systems must review and study geothermal
1.10 applications as possible uses for heating or cooling.

1.11 When practicable, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, geothermal heating
1.12 and cooling systems must be given preference when designing, planning, or letting bids
1.13 for necessary replacement or initial installation of cooling or heating systems in new or
1.14 existing state-owned buildings.

1.15 The commissioner of administration, in consultation with the commissioner of
1.16 commerce, must certify that a project is in compliance with this section before state funds
1.17 are provided for the project. The commissioner must receive a written plan for compliance
1.18 from a project proposer.

1.19 The commissioner shall consider requesting bonding authority to finance geothermal
1.20 cooling and heating systems.

1.21 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.22 Section 1 is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to cooling or heating systems
1.23 replacement or installation in state-owned buildings on or after that date.