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S.F. No. 4040 – Eliminating Fee for Uncertified Court Documents; Expedited Attorney Entry to Courthouse; Providing Attorneys Secure Access to Court Records

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Section 1 eliminates the \$8 fee for uncertified copies of court documents.

Section 2, subdivision 1 requires district court administrators to provide entry at a secured entrance into courthouse buildings to attorneys with a valid private attorney court identification badge, without the attorney being subject to an electronic or other physical search. In locations where an attorney must enter with the public, front of the line access must be given to attorneys with a valid badge, and they may not be searched.

Subdivision 2 requires district court administrators to provide a private attorney court identification badge to each licensed attorney who completes an application, passes a background check, and pays the processing fee.

Section 3 provides that licensed attorneys may apply for a Minnesota Government Access account to access electronic court records and documents stored in the Minnesota Court Information System for cases in state district courts. Attorneys with such accounts may view and print case documents and information without cost.