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Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3489: A bill for an act relating to real property; modifying requirements for
contract for deeds between investor sellers and purchasers of residential real property;
modifying recording provisions; requiring disclosures; providing a right to cancel; authorizing
civil remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 272.12; 507.235, subdivisions
1a, 5; 513.73, subdivision 3; 559.21, subdivisions 2a, 4, by adding subdivisions; 559.211,
subdivision 1; 559.213; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 559A;
repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 559.201; 559.202.

- 1.10 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:
- 1.11 Page 4, line 20, strike "property subject to a family farm security loan"
- 1.12 Page 4, line 21, strike "or"
- 1.13 Page 12, line 8, delete "reasonable attorneys' fees and costs" and insert "court filing fees,
- 1.14 reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of service"
- 1.15 Page 12, line 11, delete "reasonable attorneys' fees and" and insert "court filing fees,
- 1.16 reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of service."
- 1.17 Page 12, delete line 12
- 1.18 Page 12, line 29, after "payment" insert "of principal, interest, or both"
- 1.19 Page 12, line 31, delete "loan" and insert "contract"
- 1.20 Page 13, line 1, delete everything after "means" and insert "the act of an investor seller
- 1.21 executing a contract for deed on or after August 1, 2024, if previously the investor had
- 1.22 frequently or repeatedly executed contracts for deed and subsequently terminated those
- 1.23 contracts under section 559.21."
- 1.24 Page 13, delete lines 2 to 18
- 1.25 Page 13, line 19, delete everything after "Contract for deed"" and insert "has the meaning
- 1.26 given in section 507.235, subdivision 1a."
- 1.27 Page 13, delete lines 20 to 26
- 1.28 Page 13, delete subdivision 5
- 1.29 Page 14, delete line 3
- 1.30 Page 14, line 4, delete "(i)" and insert "(1)" and delete "containing"
- 1.31 Page 14, line 5, delete everything before "<u>as</u>"
- 1.32 Page 14, line 7, delete "(ii)" and insert "(2)"
- 1.33 Page 14, line 9, delete "(iii)" and insert "(3)"

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- 2.1 Page 14, line 10, delete "<u>(iv)</u>" and insert "<u>(4)</u>"
- 2.2 Page 14, line 11, delete "(v)" and insert "(5)"
- 2.3 Page 14, line 12, delete "(vi)" and insert "(6)"
- 2.4 Page 14, line 13, delete "(2)" and insert "(7)"
- 2.5 Page 14, line 15, delete "containing no more than two family dwelling units"
- 2.6 Page 14, line 19, delete "(3)" and insert "(8)"
- 2.7 Page 14, line 21, delete "(4)" and insert "(9)"
- 2.8 Page 15, lines 4, delete "<u>enters into</u>" and insert "<u>executes</u>"
- 2.9 Page 15, lines 5, delete "enter into" and insert "execute"
- 2.10 Page 15, line 13, after "settlor" insert "or beneficiary"
- 2.11 Page 15, line 14, delete everything after "include"
- 2.12 Page 15, line 15, delete "<u>or</u>"
- 2.13 Page 15, line 24, after "seller."" insert "<u>A person examining title to the property may</u>
- 2.14 <u>rely on either statement.</u>"
- 2.15 Page 16, line 31, delete "<u>PAYMENT(S)</u>" and insert "<u>PAYMENT</u>"
- 2.16 Page 16, line 32, delete "one or more lump-sum "balloon payments."" and insert "a
- 2.17 <u>lump-sum balloon payment or several balloon payments.</u>"
- 2.18 Page 16, line 33, delete "<u>will</u>" and insert "<u>may</u>"
- 2.19 Page 19, lines 23 and 25, delete "10-day" and insert "10 calendar day"
- 2.20 Page 20, line 13, delete "enter into" and insert "execute" and after "mortgage" insert
- 2.21 "with a due-on-sale clause"
- 2.22 Page 21, line 2, delete "enter into" and insert "execute"
- 2.23 Page 21, line 14, before "<u>An</u>" insert "(a)" and delete "<u>engaging in</u>"
- 2.24 Page 21, line 15, after the period, insert "There shall be a rebuttable presumption that
- 2.25 the investor seller has violated this subdivision if, on or after August 1, 2024, the investor
- 2.26 seller executes a contract for deed and, within the previous 48 months, the investor seller
- 2.27 either:"
- 2.28 Page 21, after line 15, insert:

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| 3.1 | "(1) had completed two or more termination proceedings under section 559.21 on the | | |
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| 3.2 | same residential real property being sold by the contract for deed; or | | |
| 3.3 | (2) had completed four or more termination proceedings under section 559.21 on contracts | | |
| 3.4 | for deed for any residential real property, where terminated contracts comprise 20 percent | | |
| 3.5 | or more of all contracts executed by the investor seller during that period. | | |
| 3.6 | (b) Nothing contained in this subdivision or in section 559A.01, subdivision 3, shall | | |
| 3.7 | invalidate, impair, affect, or give rise to any cause of action with respect to any contract for | | |
| 3.8 | deed or termination proceeding under section 559.21 used as a predicate to establish the | | |
| 3.9 | presumption under paragraph (a). | | |
| 3.10 | (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, a person who sold residential real property on | | |
| 3.11 | a contract for deed is deemed to be the same person as the investor seller where the person | | |
| 3.12 | who sold on a contract for deed: | | |
| 3.13 | (1) is owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by the investor seller; | | |
| 3.14 | (2) owns or controls, in whole or in part, the investor seller; | | |
| 3.15 | (3) is under common ownership or control, in whole or in part, with the investor seller; | | |
| 3.16 | (4) is a spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, | | |
| 3.17 | or cousin of the investor seller, or of the natural person who owns or controls, in whole or | | |
| 3.18 | in part, the investor seller; or | | |
| 3.19 | (5) is an entity owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by a person who is a spouse, | | |
| 3.20 | parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or cousin of the | | |
| 3.21 | investor seller, or of the natural person who owns or controls, in whole or in part, the investor | | |
| 3.22 | seller." | | |
| 3.23 | Page 21, line 16, delete "cancels" and insert "terminates" | | |
| 3.24 | Page 21, line 19, delete "cancellation" and insert "termination" | | |
| 3.25 | Page 22, line 23, delete everything after "responsibilities" and insert "of a successor in | | |
| 3.26 | interest" | | |
| 3.27 | Page 22, line 24, delete "by" and insert "to" | | |
| 3.28 | Page 22, line 25, delete "recipient of the" and insert "successor in interest" | | |
| 3.29 | Page 22, line 26, delete "conveyance or encumbrance" | | |
| 3.30 | Page 22, line 28, delete "the recipient" | | |

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| 4.1 | Page 22, line 29, delete "of the conve | eyance or encumbrance" | and insert " <u>a successor in</u> |
| 4.2 | interest to the investor seller" | | |
| 4.3 | Page 23, line 2, delete "recipient of the | conveyance or encumbr | ance" and insert " <u>successor</u> |
| 4.4 | in interest" | | |
| 4.5 | Page 23, line 32, delete "taken under | subdivision 2 or 3 shall | not" and insert " <u>under</u> |
| 4.6 | subdivision 2 or 3 is personal to the pure | chaser only, does not" | |
| 4.7 | Page 23, line 33 after "deed" insert " | , and may not be assigned | ed except to a successor in |
| 4.8 | interest" | | |
| 4.9 | Renumber the subdivisions in sequer | nce | |
| 4.10 | And when so amended the bill do pas | s and be re-referred to th | ne Committee on Judiciary |
| 4.11 | and Public Safety. Amendments adopted | 1 1 | |
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| 4.13 | | (Committee Chair) | |
| 4.14 | | February 22, 2024 | |
| 4.15 | | (Date of Committee re | commendation) |