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S.F. No. 3979 - Clarifying a tenant's right to contact emergency services

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Overview

Current law prohibits landlords from limiting a tenant's right to call emergency services and imposing a penalty on a tenant for calling emergency services. **S.F. 3979** clarifies that calls related to mental health or health crises are included in this prohibition.

Summary

Section 1 (section 504B.205, subdivision 2) clarifies that landlords may not limit a tenant's right to call emergency services or impose a penalty on a tenant for calling emergency services, including for mental health or health crises.

Section 2 (section 504B.205, subd. 3) clarifies that the prohibition in section 1 applies even if a local ordinance requires eviction after a specified number of emergency services calls.

Section 3 (section 504B.205, subd. 6) specifies that the attorney general has the authority to investigate and prosecute violations, even those involving local ordinances.