

S.F. No. 468 – Partial Repeal of the Nuclear Moratorium

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In 1994, the Minnesota legislature placed a moratorium on new construction of nuclear power plants. The language is found in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243, subdivision 3b. The moratorium has not been amended since 1994.

Senate File 468 allows the commission to issue certificates of need for nuclear-powered generating plants with a maximum generation capacity of 300 megawatts which are considered small modular reactors.

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