

1.1 **Senators Dornink and McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was**
1.2 **referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 475:** A bill for an act relating to employment; modifying whistleblower
1.4 protections for public employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.932,
1.5 subdivision 1.

1.6 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.7 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.931, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 1a. **Abuse.** "Abuse" means actions that may, directly or indirectly, result in
1.11 unnecessary costs to programs of a state agency or political subdivision. Abuse may involve
1.12 paying for items or services when there is no legal entitlement to that payment.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.931, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.14 read:

1.15 Subd. 3a. **Fraud.** "Fraud" means an intentional or deliberate act to deprive another of
1.16 property or money or to acquire property or money by deception or other unfair means.
1.17 Fraud includes intentionally submitting false information to the department for the purpose
1.18 of obtaining a greater compensation or benefit than that to which the person is legally
1.19 entitled. Fraud also includes failure to correct errors in the maintenance of records in a
1.20 timely manner after a request by a state agency or political subdivision.

1.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.931, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.22 read:

1.23 Subd. 7. **Waste.** "Waste" means practices that, directly or indirectly, result in unnecessary
1.24 costs to programs of a state agency or political subdivision, such as misusing resources."

1.25 Page 2, line 6, strike "an" and insert "a public" and strike "in the classified service of
1.26 state government"

1.27 Page 2, line 7, after "the" insert "public" and strike "state" and insert "public"

1.28 Page 2, line 8, strike "state" and insert "public"

1.29 Page 2, line 11, delete everything after "reports" and insert "fraud, waste, or abuse in
1.30 programs of a state agency or political subdivision"

1.31 Page 2, line 12, delete "funds"

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- Renumber the sections in sequence
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- Amend the title as follows:
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- Page 1, line 2, after the first semicolon, insert "providing definitions;"
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- Amend the title numbers accordingly
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- And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and
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- Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Date of Committee Recommendation)