



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 20, 2009

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Speaker Anderson Kelliher:

I have vetoed and am returning House File 330, Chapter 112.

The Legislature has taken action on numerous bills relating to homeowner warranties this session. Although this legislation may be well-intentioned, we should be cautious about placing more burdens on the housing sector during this historic recession.

This legislation increases the time frame in which a homeowner can make a warranty claim from six months to one year. Not reporting a construction-related problem in a timely manner could exasperate the problem and increase costs. A contractor should be notified as soon as possible if a problem exists with the construction so the issue can be rectified expeditiously.

I encourage the authors to work towards a solution that addresses the issue of home defects without driving up the costs and burdens on contractors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Speaker Kelliher/HF 330

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cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Lisa Fobbe
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Representative Bev Scalze
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State