

**HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS FOR STATE-FUNDED BUILDINGS
BILL**

S.F. 538 (Chapter 77)

SUMMARY: This bill requires the study of heating and cooling systems for state-funded building projects and when practicable geothermal and solar thermal heating and cooling systems must be considered when replacing initial installation of systems in new or existing buildings. Pre-design reviews are to include a written plan for compliance.

Section

- 1 Heating and cooling systems; state-funded buildings.** This section requires the commissioner of the Department of Administration to study geothermal and solar thermal applications for heating and cooling building projects subject to pre-design review under Minnesota Statutes section 16B.335 (projects receiving state appropriations for capital purposes). The language provides that when practicable, geothermal and solar thermal heating and cooling systems must be considered for necessary replacement of initial installation of cooling or heating systems in new or existing buildings constructed or maintained with state funds, and requires that the pre-design review must include a written plan for compliance.

This section applies to cooling or heating replacement in buildings constructed or maintained with state funds that are subject to pre-design review after July 1, 2007.