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S.F. No. 7 – Relating to State Disasters (First Engrossment)

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The bill excludes catastrophes caused by civil disorder, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.669, subdivision 2, from the definition of “disaster” for the purpose of determining eligibility for state disaster relief assistance under chapter 12B.

Section 609.669 defines “civil disorder” as “any public disturbance involving acts of violence by assemblages of three or more persons, which causes an immediate danger of or results in damage or injury to the property or person of any other individual.”

Under current law, the definition of “disaster” includes any fire, flood, or explosion, regardless of cause.

The bill is effective retroactively from January 1, 2020.