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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2412

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to crime; making it a felony to intentionally stop a beating heart;  
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[609.218] STOPPING A BEATING HEART.**

1.6 (a) Whoever intentionally and permanently causes the heart of a human being to  
1.7 stop beating is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than  
1.8 15 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$30,000, or both.

1.9 (b) As used in this section, "human being" has the meaning provided in section  
1.10 145.423, subdivision 4.

1.11 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to licensed health professionals who perform  
1.12 medical procedures intended to treat a diagnosed medical condition or to save the life of  
1.13 the person on whom the medical procedure is performed.

1.14 (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to health care provided according to a living will  
1.15 executed under chapter 145B, a health care directive executed under chapter 145C, or to a  
1.16 properly executed do-not-resuscitate order.