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A bill for an act

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relating to health; directing the commissioner of health to modify a requirement

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to obtain a Department of Health recommendation for the J-1 visa waiver program.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH; J-1 VISA WAIVER

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PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION.

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(a) For purposes of this section:

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(1) "Department of Health recommendation" means a recommendation from the state

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Department of Health that a foreign medical graduate should be considered for a J-1 visa

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waiver under the J-1 visa waiver program; and

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(2) "J-1 visa waiver program" means a program administered by the United States

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Department of State under United States Code, title 8, section 1184(l), in which a waiver

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is sought for the requirement that a foreign medical graduate with a J-1 visa must return to

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the graduate's home country for two years at the conclusion of the graduate's medical study

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before applying for employment authorization in the United States.

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(b) In administering the program to issue Department of Health recommendations for

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purposes of the J-1 visa waiver program, the commissioner of health shall allow an applicant

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to submit to the commissioner evidence that the foreign medical graduate for whom the

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waiver is sought holds a current H-1B visa in place of evidence that the foreign medical

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graduate has passed steps 1, 2, and 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination.