

A bill for an act

relating to health; authorizing registered nurses to dispense oral contraceptives in family planning agencies; expanding the definition of governmental units; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 148.235, by adding a subdivision; 471.59, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.235, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Dispensing by protocol.** A registered nurse in a family planning agency as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0280, subpart 3, may dispense oral contraceptives prescribed by a licensed practitioner as defined in section 151.01, subdivision 23, pursuant to a dispensing protocol established by the agency's medical director or under the direction of a physician. The dispensing protocol must address the requirements of sections 151.01, subdivision 30, and 151.212, subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.59, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Agreement.** Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised. The agreement may provide for the exercise of such powers by one or more of the participating governmental units on behalf of the other participating units. The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes every city, county, town, school district, other political subdivision of this or another state, another state, the University of Minnesota, nonprofit hospitals licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, rehabilitation facilities and

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2.1 extended employment providers that are certified by the commissioner of employment
2.2 and economic development, day training and habilitation services licensed under sections
2.3 245B.01 to 245B.08, nonprofit community health clinics providing family planning
2.4 services as defined in section 145.925, and any agency of the state of Minnesota or the
2.5 United States, and includes any instrumentality of a governmental unit. For the purpose of
2.6 this section, an instrumentality of a governmental unit means an instrumentality having
2.7 independent policy making and appropriating authority.