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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4187

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil law; modifying the terms of a delegation of parental authority;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 524.5-211.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 524.5-211, is amended to read:

1.6 524.5-211 DELEGATION OF POWER BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

1.7 (a) A parent, legal custodian, or nonprofessional guardian of a minor or incapacitated
1.8 person, by a properly executed power of attorney, may delegate to another person, for a
1.9 period not exceeding ~~one year~~ three years, any powers regarding care, custody, or property
1.10 of the minor or person subject to guardianship, except the power to consent to marriage or
1.11 adoption of a minor person subject to guardianship.

1.12 (b) A professional guardian of a minor or incapacitated person, by a properly executed
1.13 power of attorney, may delegate to another person, for a period not exceeding 30 days, any
1.14 powers regarding care, custody, or property of the minor or person subject to guardianship,
1.15 except the power to consent to marriage or adoption of a minor person subject to
1.16 guardianship. A professional guardian delegating parental rights under this paragraph must
1.17 submit the power of attorney to the court.

1.18 (c) A parent who executes a delegation of powers under this section must mail or give
1.19 a copy of the document to any other parent within 30 days of its execution unless:

1.20 (1) the other parent does not have parenting time or has supervised parenting time; or

2.1 (2) there is an existing order for protection under chapter 518B or a similar law of another
2.2 state in effect against the other parent to protect the parent, legal custodian, or guardian
2.3 executing the delegation of powers or the child.

2.4 (d) A parent, legal custodian, or guardian of a minor child may also delegate those powers
2.5 by designating a standby or temporary custodian under chapter 257B.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.7 applies to a delegation of power signed before, on, or after that date.