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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4468

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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 health; providing a cause of action for harmful conversion therapy
1.3 practices; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

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

1.5 Section 1. 604.206 **YOUTH PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL THERAPEUTIC**
1.6 **PRACTICES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8 the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Conversion therapy" has the meaning given in section 214.078, subdivision 1,
1.10 paragraph (b).

1.11 (c) "Mental health professional" means a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social
1.12 worker, counselor, or any other person licensed in this state to provide professional mental
1.13 health care or counseling.

1.14 (d) "Minor" means an individual under 18 years of age.

1.15 (e) "Parent or guardian" means a parent or legal guardian of a minor.

1.16 (f) "Psychological harm" includes but is not limited to depression, anxiety, self-harm,
1.17 suicidal ideation or attempts, posttraumatic stress disorder, and loss of self-esteem.

1.18 Subd. 2. Cause of action; conversion therapy. (a) An individual who was injured by
1.19 conversion therapy prior to reaching the age of 18 has a cause of action for relief against a
1.20 mental health professional who administered the conversion therapy. A mental health
1.21 professional who engages in conversion therapy on an individual who has not reached the

2.1 age of 18 is liable for damages as provided in this section. An injury under this section  
2.2 includes psychological harm caused by conversion therapy.

2.3 (b) An action under this section may be brought by the parent or guardian of a minor  
2.4 who was injured by conversion therapy:

2.5 (1) on the minor's behalf prior to reaching the age of 18; or

2.6 (2) when the individual subject to conversion therapy is deceased or incapacitated.

2.7 Subd. 3. Relief. (a) A court may award a plaintiff who prevails in an action brought  
2.8 under this section the following relief:

2.9 (1) injunctive relief to prevent the defendant from engaging in future conversion therapy  
2.10 in violation of the standard of care;

2.11 (2) a civil penalty in an amount of not less than \$50,000 to the injured individual, or  
2.12 their parent or guardian when applicable;

2.13 (3) general, special, and punitive damages; and

2.14 (4) a plaintiff's costs and reasonable attorney fees.

2.15 (b) This section does not allow an officer or employee of the state or any political  
2.16 subdivision to bring or participate in an action to enforce this section.

2.17 Subd. 4. Venue. A plaintiff may bring an action under this section in the county where  
2.18 the plaintiff resides at the time the action is brought or the county where the defendant  
2.19 resides at the time the action is brought.