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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to commerce; precluding delivery of professional services through artificial  
1.3 intelligence directly to consumers; providing for enforcement and penalties;  
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

1.6 Section 1. 325F.701 PROHIBITION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
1.7 PERFORMING LICENSED ACTIVITIES.

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

1.10 (b) "Artificial intelligence model" means a machine-based system that is capable of, for  
1.11 explicit or implicit objectives, inferring from the input the system receives how to generate  
1.12 outputs that are capable of influencing physical or virtual environments.

1.13 (c) "Consumer" means a natural person or business that is not a credentialed professional  
1.14 for professional services that the natural person or business is seeking.

1.15 (d) "Credentialed" means a natural person or a business that holds a current license,  
1.16 certificate, or registration to provide professional services.

1.17 (e) "Professional services" means services for which the state requires a license,  
1.18 certificate, or registration.

1.19 Subd. 2. Prohibition on artificial intelligence models performing professional  
1.20 services. (a) The owner of an artificial intelligence model is prohibited from allowing the  
1.21 model to provide a professional service to a consumer unless the model is operated, while  
1.22 the service is being provided, by a natural person who is credentialed to provide the

2.1 professional services or by a natural person representing a business that is credentialed to  
2.2 provide the professional services.

2.3 (b) A business or a person is prohibited from using an artificial intelligence model to  
2.4 provide a professional service to a consumer unless the model is operated, while the service  
2.5 is being provided, by a natural person who is credentialed to provide the professional services  
2.6 or by a natural person representing a business that is credentialed to provide the professional  
2.7 services.

2.8 (c) This section does not prohibit a credentialed professional from using an artificial  
2.9 intelligence model as a tool to assist the credentialed professional in performing a professional  
2.10 service.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Enforcement and penalties; attorney general.** A violation of this section is  
2.12 subject to enforcement by the attorney general under section 8.31.