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STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

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6320 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil commitments; modifying the definition of chemically dependent
1.3 person for the purposes of civil commitments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.4 section 253B.02, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 253B.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Chemically dependent person.** "Chemically dependent person" means any
1.8 person (a) determined as being incapable of self-management or management of personal
1.9 affairs by reason of the habitual and excessive use of alcohol, drugs, or other mind-altering
1.10 substances; and (b) whose recent conduct as a result of habitual and excessive use of alcohol,
1.11 drugs, or other mind-altering substances poses a substantial likelihood of physical harm to
1.12 self or others as demonstrated by (i) a recent attempt or threat to physically harm self or
1.13 others, (ii) evidence of recent serious physical problems, or (iii) a failure to obtain necessary
1.14 food, clothing, shelter, or medical care. ~~"Chemically dependent person" also means a pregnant
1.15 woman who has engaged during the pregnancy in habitual or excessive use, for a nonmedical
1.16 purpose, of any of the following substances or their derivatives: opium, cocaine, heroin,
1.17 phencyclidine, methamphetamine, amphetamine, tetrahydrocannabinol, or alcohol.~~

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.