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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2769

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil actions; allowing next of kin to bring personal injury action on
1.3 behalf of decedent who was a vulnerable adult; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,
1.4 section 573.02, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 573.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Injury action. (a) When injury is caused to a person by the wrongful act or
1.8 omission of any person or corporation and the person thereafter dies from a cause unrelated
1.9 to those injuries, the trustee appointed in subdivision 3 may maintain an action for special
1.10 damages arising out of such injury if the decedent might have maintained an action therefor
1.11 had the decedent lived.

1.12 (b) If the injury under paragraph (a) is caused to a person who was a vulnerable adult,
1.13 the next of kin may maintain an action on behalf of the decedent for general and special
1.14 damages. For purposes of this paragraph, "vulnerable adult" has the meaning given in section
1.15 626.5572, subdivision 21.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to actions
1.17 commenced on or after that date.