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H. F. No. 280

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; limiting the use of funds for state-sponsored health programs
1.3 for funding abortions.

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

1.5 Section 1. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.

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

1.8 (b) "Abortion" means the use of any means to terminate the pregnancy of a woman
1.9 known to be pregnant with knowledge that the termination with those means will, with
1.10 reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the fetus.

1.11 (c) "Fetus" means any individual human organism from fertilization until birth.

1.12 Subd. 2. Use of funds. Funding for state-sponsored health programs shall not be used
1.13 for funding abortions, except to the extent necessary for continued participation in a federal
1.14 program. This subdivision applies only to state-sponsored health programs that are
1.15 administered by the commissioner of human services.

1.16 Subd. 3. Severability. If any one or more provision, section, subdivision, sentence,
1.17 clause, phrase, or word of this section or the application of it to any person or circumstance
1.18 is found to be unconstitutional, it is declared to be severable and the balance of this section
1.19 shall remain effective notwithstanding such unconstitutionality. The legislature intends that
1.20 it would have passed this section and each provision, section, subdivision, sentence, clause,
1.21 phrase, or word irrespective of the fact that any one provision, section, subdivision, sentence,
1.22 clause, phrase, or word is declared unconstitutional.