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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4837**

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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; providing support and counseling for pregnant individuals  
1.3 experiencing preterm labor and preterm birth; proposing coding for new law in  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[144.1462] HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR PRETERM LABOR AND**  
1.7 **PRETERM BIRTH.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Treatment options.** Health care providers must offer to pregnant  
1.9 individuals experiencing preterm labor, including preterm birth, the following options:

1.10 (1) administering tocolytics;  
1.11 (2) admission to a facility with access to a level III or IV neonatal intensive care unit;  
1.12 (3) administering magnesium for neurological protection of the baby;  
1.13 (4) administering corticosteroids for the lung development of the baby; and  
1.14 (5) providing life-sustaining measures, including full resuscitation measures for any  
1.15 infant born alive within the pre-viability gestational age.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Immunity.** (a) No disciplinary action shall be taken by a facility or licensing  
1.17 body against a health care provider who carries out a treatment option pursuant to subdivision  
1.18 1 when the option was requested by the pregnant individual who is experiencing preterm  
1.19 labor, including preterm birth.

- 2.1 (b) A health care provider is immune from civil liability for damages, administrative  
2.2 fines, or penalties for acts authorized under subdivision 1 and carried out under the pregnant  
2.3 individual's request.