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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 946

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
03/13/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing immunity for underage possession or
1.3 consumption of alcohol for a person seeking assistance for self or another;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 340A.503, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 340A.503, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 8. Prosecution; immunity. (a) A person is not subject to prosecution under
1.9 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), or subdivision 3, if the person:

1.10 (1) voluntarily seeks assistance at a health facility or detoxification program for
1.11 treatment or observation for any immediate health concern;

1.12 (2) accompanies another person who is voluntarily seeking assistance at a health
1.13 facility or detoxification program for treatment or observation for any immediate health
1.14 concern; or

1.15 (3) initiates contact with a peace officer, emergency medical services personnel,
1.16 or 911 operator to report that another person is in need of medical assistance for an
1.17 immediate health or safety concern, provided that the person who initiates contact is the
1.18 first person to make such a report, provides a name and contact information, remains on
1.19 the scene until assistance arrives, and cooperates with the authorities at the scene.

1.20 (b) The person who receives medical assistance shall also be immune from
1.21 prosecution under paragraph (a).

1.22 (c) Paragraph (a), clause (3), also applies to one or two persons acting in concert
1.23 with the person initiating contact provided that all the requirements of paragraph (a),
1.24 clause (3), are met.