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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; authorizing use of complementary and alternative health  
1.3 care practices by health care practitioners; proposing coding for new law in  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[214.102] COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH**  
1.7 **CARE PRACTICES FOR LICENSED PRACTITIONERS.**

1.8 (a) Any health care practitioner issued a credential by a health-related licensing board  
1.9 as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, or the commissioner of health shall not be  
1.10 subject to disciplinary action solely on the basis of referring a patient to a complementary  
1.11 and alternative health care practitioner as defined in section 146A.01, subdivision 6.

1.12 (b) Any health care practitioner issued a credential by a health-related licensing  
1.13 board as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, or the commissioner of health shall  
1.14 not be subject to disciplinary action solely on the basis of utilizing complementary and  
1.15 alternative health care practices as defined in section 146A.01, subdivision 2, paragraph  
1.16 (a), as a component of a patient's treatment.

1.17 (c) A licensed health care practitioner who utilizes complementary and alternative  
1.18 health care practices must:

1.19 (1) disclose the name, license to practice, business address, and telephone number of  
1.20 the licensed health care practitioner who utilizes complementary and alternative practices;

1.21 (2) disclose the degrees, training, experience, or other qualifications of the  
1.22 practitioner regarding the complimentary and alternative health care being provided,  
1.23 followed by the following statement in bold print:

2.1 "THE STATE OF MINNESOTA HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY EDUCATIONAL  
2.2 AND TRAINING STANDARDS FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE  
2.3 HEALTH CARE PRACTICES. THIS STATEMENT OF CREDENTIALS IS FOR  
2.4 INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.";

2.5 (3) disclose if complementary and alternative practices are covered by insurance  
2.6 and, if not, how much the treatment costs;

2.7 (4) disclose whether the practitioner accepts Medicare or medical assistance;

2.8 (5) disclose whether the practitioner is willing to accept partial payment or to waive  
2.9 payment, and in what circumstances;

2.10 (6) give a brief summary in plain language of the theoretical approach used by the  
2.11 practitioner in providing services to clients; and

2.12 (7) obtain written informed consent from the patient according to Minnesota law for  
2.13 providing complementary and alternative practices before beginning treatment.