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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to health care; prohibiting health care facilities or providers from denying
- 1.3 services because patient refuses to sign a facility's consent form; amending
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.293, subdivision 2.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.293, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 2. **Patient consent to release of records.** (a) A provider, or a person who receives
- 1.8 health records from a provider, may not release a patient's health records to a person without:
- 1.9 (1) a signed and dated consent from the patient or the patient's legally authorized
- 1.10 representative authorizing the release;
- 1.11 (2) specific authorization in law; or
- 1.12 (3) a representation from a provider that holds a signed and dated consent from the
- 1.13 patient authorizing the release.
- 1.14 (b) A provider or health care facility shall not withhold services or treatment or refuse
- 1.15 to provide services or treatment to a patient solely because the patient or the patient's legally
- 1.16 authorized representative refuses to authorize or alters in any way the provider's or health
- 1.17 care facility's consent form under this section or section 144.295.