

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 2695

1.2 A bill for an act
1.3 relating to health; modifying mandatory reporting requirements related to
1.4 pregnant women; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 626.5561,
1.5 subdivision 1.

1.6 May 8, 2010
1.7 The Honorable James P. Metzen
1.8 President of the Senate

1.9 The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
1.10 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.11 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 2695 report that we have agreed upon
1.12 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.13 That the House recede from its amendment and that S.F. No. 2695 be further
1.14 amended as follows:

1.15 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.16 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 626.5561, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.17 read:

1.18 Subdivision 1. **Reports required.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person
1.19 mandated to report under section 626.556, subdivision 3, shall immediately report to the
1.20 local welfare agency if the person knows or has reason to believe that a woman is pregnant
1.21 and has used a controlled substance for a nonmedical purpose during the pregnancy,
1.22 including, but not limited to, tetrahydrocannabinol, or has consumed alcoholic beverages
1.23 during the pregnancy in any way that is habitual or excessive.

1.24 (b) A health care professional or a social service professional who is mandated to
1.25 report under section 626.556, subdivision 3, is exempt from reporting under paragraph
1.26 (a) a woman's use or consumption of tetrahydrocannabinol or alcoholic beverages
1.27 during pregnancy if the professional is providing the woman with prenatal care or other
1.28 healthcare services.

2.1 (c) Any person may make a voluntary report if the person knows or has reason to
2.2 believe that a woman is pregnant and has used a controlled substance for a nonmedical
2.3 purpose during the pregnancy, including, but not limited to, tetrahydrocannabinol, or
2.4 has consumed alcoholic beverages during the pregnancy in any way that is habitual or
2.5 excessive. An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise. An oral
2.6 report made by a person required to report shall be followed within 72 hours, exclusive
2.7 of weekends and holidays, by a report in writing to the local welfare agency. Any report
2.8 shall be of sufficient content to identify the pregnant woman, the nature and extent of the
2.9 use, if known, and the name and address of the reporter.

2.10 (d) For purposes of this section, "prenatal care" means the comprehensive package
2.11 of medical and psychological support provided throughout the pregnancy."

3.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

3.2 Senate Conferees:

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3.4 Kathy Sheran Linda Higgins

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3.7 House Conferees:

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