

## CHAPTER 693—H.F.No.836

[Coded]

*An act relating to abortions; non-liability for refusal to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **[145.42] ABORTIONS; NON-LIABILITY FOR REFUSAL TO PERFORM. Subdivision 1.** No physician, nurse, or other person who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion, and no hospital that refuses to permit the performance of an abortion upon its premises, shall be liable to any person for damages allegedly arising from the refusal.

Sec. 2. **[145.42] Subd. 2.** No physician, nurse, or other person who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion shall, because of that refusal, be dismissed, suspended, demoted, or otherwise prejudiced or damaged by a hospital with which he is affiliated or by which he is employed.

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CHAPTER 694—H.F.No.886

[Coded]

*An act relating to the trial of criminal cases; misconduct of the defendant, and granting certain powers to the court in relation thereto.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **[631.015] CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS; MISCONDUCT OF DEFENDANT; WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT. Subdivision 1.** In the trial of a criminal case if a defendant acts or conducts himself in such a manner as to cause one or more of the following acts:

(a) A breach of the peace, boisterous or obstreperous conduct, or violent disturbance;

(b) Disorderly behavior toward the court or jury;

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which in the opinion of the court tends to interrupt the orderly procedure of the court and the due course of the trial, the court may proceed and make such orders as it deems necessary in accordance with subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. After the occurrence of any act or conduct of a defendant described in subdivision 1, the court may warn the defendant that if he continues to violate any one or more of the provisions of said subdivision he shall be ordered from the courtroom and the trial shall proceed without his presence up to and including the rendition of the verdict and that the continuance of the violation shall constitute a waiver of his right to be present during the trial. If the defendant thereafter acts or conducts himself in violation of one or more of the provisions of subdivision 1, his misconduct shall constitute a waiver of his right to be present during the trial up to and including the rendition of the verdict. The court may thereupon order the defendant removed from the courtroom and that the trial proceed without the presence of defendant. The order shall contain such conditions as the court may deem proper including the right of defendant's counsel to consult with defendant and that defendant shall be readmitted to the courtroom and the trial proceed in his presence upon defendant's promise or assurance to the court that he will no longer act or conduct himself in violation of one or more of the provisions of subdivision 1. When the determination of the court is to remove the defendant under the provisions of this act, the court shall provide the defendant an audio reproduction, tape recording or a transcript of the proceedings during the period of the defendant's absence.

Subd. 3. This act in no manner affects the power of the court to punish for contempt.

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## CHAPTER 695—H.F.No.1119

*An act relating to police department aid, relief and pensions; providing for state aid to police relief associations and organized police departments by apportioning the tax on certain aid to police premiums; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 69.011; 69.021; 69.031, Subdivisions 4 and 5; 69.04; and 69.051.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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