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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1906

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health professionals; prohibiting sexual orientation change efforts with
1.3 children; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214.

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

1.5 Section 1. [214.077] SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGE EFFORTS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
1.7 have the meanings given them.

1.8 (b) "Provider" means a person licensed by the Board of Medical Practice created
1.9 pursuant to section 147.01, the Board of Nursing created pursuant to section 148.181,
1.10 the Board of Psychology created pursuant to section 148.90, the Board of Social Work
1.11 created pursuant to section 148E.025, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy created
1.12 pursuant to section 148B.30, or the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy created
1.13 pursuant to section 148B.51.

1.14 (c) "Sexual orientation change efforts" means any practices by a provider that seek
1.15 to change an individual's sexual orientation. This includes efforts to change behaviors or
1.16 gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings
1.17 toward individuals of the same sex. Sexual orientation change efforts do not include
1.18 counseling that provides assistance to a person seeking to transition from one gender to
1.19 another, or counseling that provides acceptance, support, and understanding of clients or
1.20 facilitates a client's coping, social support, and identity exploration and development,
1.21 including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct
1.22 or unsafe sexual practices so long as such counseling does not seek to change sexual
1.23 orientation.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** (a) No provider shall engage in sexual orientation change
2.2 efforts with a client under 18 years of age.

2.3 (b) Any sexual orientation change efforts attempted by a provider with a client
2.4 under 18 years of age shall be unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to disciplinary
2.5 action by the provider's licensing board.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.