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H. F. No. 2263

02/25/2014 Authored by Halverson, Slocum and Ward, J.E., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; requiring hospitals to give written notice of rights to victim of
1.3 sexual assault; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 611A.

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

1.5 Section 1. [611A.199] NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Notice required. A hospital shall give a written notice about victim
1.7 rights and available resources to a person seeking medical services in the hospital who
1.8 reports to hospital staff or who evidences a sexual assault or other unwanted sexual contact
1.9 or sexual penetration. The hospital shall make a good faith effort to provide this notice at
1.10 the time of intake and prior to medical treatment or the examination performed for the
1.11 purpose of gathering evidence.

1.12 Subd. 2. Contents of notice. The commissioner of public safety, in consultation
1.13 with sexual assault victim advocates and health care professionals, shall develop the notice
1.14 required by subdivision 1. The notice must inform the victim, at a minimum, of:

1.15 (1) the obligation under section 609.35 of the county where the criminal sexual
1.16 conduct occurred to pay for the examination performed for the purpose of gathering
1.17 evidence, that payment is not contingent on the victim reporting the criminal sexual conduct
1.18 to law enforcement, and that the victim may incur expenses for treatment of injuries; and

1.19 (2) the victim's rights if the crime is reported to law enforcement, including the
1.20 victim's right to apply for reparations under section 611A.51, information on how to apply
1.21 for reparations, and information on how to obtain an order for protection or a harassment
1.22 restraining order.