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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2425

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; classifying certain physician assistants as mental
1.3 health professionals for purposes of medical assistance; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2010, section 256B.0625, subdivision 42.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256B.0625, subdivision 42, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 42. **Mental health professional.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules,
1.9 part 9505.0175, subpart 28, the definition of a mental health professional shall include a
1.10 person who is qualified as specified in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (5) and
1.11 (6); or 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (5) and (6), for the purpose of this section and
1.12 Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475.

1.13 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0175, subpart 28, the definition
1.14 of a mental health professional shall include a physician assistant working under the
1.15 supervision of a physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American
1.16 Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry, for the
1.17 purpose of this section and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475.