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A bill for an act

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relating to health; requiring disclosures of certain futility policies; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

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Section 1. **[144.595] HOSPITAL FUTILITY POLICY.**

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(a) A hospital licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 that adopts or implements a

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futility policy that applies to treatment of any child, from birth to 18 years of age, must

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disclose the futility policy to the parents of children treated at the hospital when the

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hospital identifies the need for a formal process to address concerns over the proposed

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treatment of a child. The hospital must, upon request of a parent of a patient or prospective

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patient, provide a copy of the current policy, if any.

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(b) For purposes of this section, a "futility policy" is any written policy that

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encourages or allows hospital employees, or other medical professionals who provide

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care to patients at the hospital, to withhold or discontinue treatment for a patient on the

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grounds of medical futility.