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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2550**

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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 health; modifying the continuity of care provision of the health care
1.3 bill of rights; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 144.651, subdivision
1.4 11.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 144.651, subdivision 11, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 11. **Continuity of care.** (a) Patients and residents shall have the right to be
1.9 cared for with reasonable regularity and continuity of staff assignment as far as facility
1.10 policy allows.

1.11 (b) An entity responsible for payment for all or a portion of the patient's medical
1.12 bills shall not request, pressure, coerce, or otherwise attempt to cause a psychiatric patient
1.13 to be transferred to a different hospital based on the network participation status of the
1.14 treating hospital.