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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4837

04/26/2022 Authored by Franson The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; providing support and counseling for pregnant individuals
1.3 experiencing preterm labor and preterm birth; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. [144.1462] HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR PRETERM LABOR AND
1.7 PRETERM BIRTH.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Treatment options. Health care providers must offer to pregnant
1.9 individuals experiencing preterm labor, including preterm birth, the following options:

- 1.10 (1) administering tocolytics;
1.11 (2) admission to a facility with access to a level III or IV neonatal intensive care unit;
1.12 (3) administering magnesium for neurological protection of the baby;
1.13 (4) administering corticosteroids for the lung development of the baby; and
1.14 (5) providing life-sustaining measures, including full resuscitation measures for any
1.15 infant born alive within the pre-viability gestational age.

1.16 Subd. 2. Immunity. (a) No disciplinary action shall be taken by a facility or licensing
1.17 body against a health care provider who carries out a treatment option pursuant to subdivision
1.18 1 when the option was requested by the pregnant individual who is experiencing preterm
1.19 labor, including preterm birth.

- 2.1 (b) A health care provider is immune from civil liability for damages, administrative
- 2.2 finances, or penalties for acts authorized under subdivision 1 and carried out under the pregnant
- 2.3 individual's request.