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NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil commitment; modifying requirements for examiners; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 253B.02, subdivision 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 253B.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. **Examiner.** "Examiner" means a person who is knowledgeable, trained, and
1.7 practicing in the diagnosis and assessment or in the treatment of the alleged impairment,
1.8 and who is:

1.9 (1) a licensed physician;

1.10 (2) a licensed psychologist who has a doctoral degree in psychology or who became a
1.11 licensed consulting psychologist before July 2, 1975; or

1.12 (3) an advanced practice registered nurse ~~certified in mental health~~ or a licensed physician
1.13 assistant, except that only a physician or psychologist meeting these requirements may be
1.14 appointed by the court as described by sections 253B.07, subdivision 3; 253B.092,
1.15 subdivision 8, paragraph (b); 253B.17, subdivision 3; 253B.18, subdivision 2; and 253B.19,
1.16 subdivisions 1 and 2, and only a physician or psychologist may conduct an assessment as
1.17 described by Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rule 20.