

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

S.F. No. 3959

(SENATE AUTHORS: CHAMPION)		
DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/14/2022	5309	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy
05/12/2022	8406	Motion did not prevail to withdraw and be placed on General Orders

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A bill for an act

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relating to health; establishing a right for a pregnant patient to have a designated

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support person present while receiving health care; amending Minnesota Statutes

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2020, section 144.651, by adding a subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144.651, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 10a. Designated support person for pregnant patient. (a) A health care provider

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and a health care facility must allow, at a minimum, one designated support person of a

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pregnant patient's choosing to be physically present while the patient is receiving health

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care services including during a hospital stay.

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(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "designated support person" means any person

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necessary to provide comfort to the patient including but not limited to the patient's spouse,

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partner, family member, or another person related by affinity. Certified doulas and traditional

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midwives may not be counted toward the limit of one designated support person.