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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to health; prohibiting conversion therapy with children or vulnerable adults;

1.3prohibiting medical assistance coverage for conversion therapy; amending

1.4Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing

1.5coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214.

1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7Section 1. [214.078] PROTECTION FROM CONVERSION THERAPY ACT.

1.8Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Conversion therapy" means any practice by a mental health

1.9practitioner or mental health professional as defined in section 245.462 that is intended to

1.10change an individual's sexual orientation, or intended to discourage a transition from one

1.11gender to another. This includes efforts to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions

1.12or feelings toward individuals of the same sex. Conversion therapy does not include: (1)

1.13counseling that provides assistance to a person seeking to transition from one gender to

1.14another; (2) counseling that facilitates a client's coping skills, social support, and identity

1.15exploration and development; or (3) sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or

1.16address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

1.17Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** (a) No mental health practitioner or mental health professional

1.18shall engage in conversion therapy with a client under 18 years of age or with a vulnerable

1.19adult as defined in section 626.5572, subdivision 21.

1.20(b) Conversion therapy attempted by a mental health practitioner or mental health

1.21professional with a client under 18 years of age or with vulnerable adults shall be

1.22unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the mental health

1.23practitioner's or mental health professional's licensing board.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.3 to read:

2.4 Subd. 5m. **Conversion therapy.** Conversion therapy, as defined in section 214.078, is  
2.5 not covered.