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ARTICLE 5

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

78.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 103I.621, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

78.4 Subdivision 1. **Permit.** (a) Notwithstanding any department or agency rule to the contrary,
78.5 the commissioner shall issue, on request by the owner of the property and payment of the
78.6 permit fee, permits for the reinjection of water by a properly constructed well into the same
78.7 aquifer from which the water was drawn for the operation of a groundwater thermal exchange
78.8 device.

78.9 (b) As a condition of the permit, an applicant must agree to allow inspection by the
78.10 commissioner during regular working hours for department inspectors.

78.11 (c) Not more than 200 permits may be issued for small systems having maximum
78.12 capacities of 20 gallons per minute or less and that are compliant with the natural resource
78.13 water-use requirements under subdivision 2. ~~The small systems are subject to inspection~~
78.14 ~~twice a year.~~

78.15 (d) Not more than ~~ten~~ 100 permits may be issued for larger systems having maximum
78.16 capacities ~~from~~ over 20 ~~to 50~~ gallons per minute and ~~that~~ are compliant with the natural
78.17 resource water-use requirements under subdivision 2. ~~The larger systems are subject to~~
78.18 ~~inspection four times a year.~~

78.19 (e) A person issued a permit must comply with this section ~~for the permit to be valid.~~
78.20 and permit conditions deemed necessary to protect public health and safety of the
78.21 groundwater, which conditions may include but are not limited to:

78.22 (1) notification to the commissioner at intervals specified in the permit conditions;

78.23 (2) system operation and maintenance;

78.24 (3) system location and construction;

78.25 (4) well location and construction;

78.26 (5) signage requirements;

78.27 (6) reports of system construction, performance, operation, and maintenance;

78.28 (7) removal of the system upon termination of use or failure;

78.29 (8) disclosure of the system at the time of property transfer;

78.30 (9) requirements to obtain approval from the commissioner prior to deviation from the
78.31 approval plan and conditions;

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FINANCE

FOR SECTION 1, SEE ARTICLE 6, SECTION 1

107.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 103I.621, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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107.6 permit fee, permits for the reinjection of water by a properly constructed well into the same
107.7 aquifer from which the water was drawn for the operation of a groundwater thermal exchange
107.8 device.

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107.10 commissioner during regular working hours for department inspectors.

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107.12 capacities of 20 gallons per minute or less and that are compliant with the natural resource
107.13 water-use requirements under subdivision 2. ~~The small systems are subject to inspection~~
107.14 ~~twice a year.~~

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107.16 capacities ~~from~~ over 20 ~~to 50~~ gallons per minute and are compliant with the natural resource
107.17 water-use requirements under subdivision 2. ~~The larger systems are subject to inspection~~
107.18 ~~four times a year.~~

107.19 (e) A person issued a permit must comply with this section and permit conditions deemed
107.20 necessary to protect public health and safety of groundwater for the permit to be valid. The
107.21 permit conditions may include but are not limited to requirements for:

107.22 (1) notification to the commissioner at intervals specified in the permit conditions;

107.23 (2) system operation and maintenance;

107.24 (3) system location and construction;

107.25 (4) well location and construction;

107.26 (5) signage;

107.27 (6) reports of system construction, performance, operation, and maintenance;

107.28 (7) removal of the system upon termination of its use or system failure;

107.29 (8) disclosure of the system at the time of property transfer;

107.30 (9) obtaining approval from the commissioner prior to deviation from the approval plan
107.31 and conditions;

79.1 (10) groundwater level monitoring; and
79.2 (11) groundwater quality monitoring.
79.3 (f) The property owner or the property owner's agent must submit to the commissioner
79.4 a permit application on a form provided by the commissioner, or in a format approved by
79.5 the commissioner, that provides any information necessary to protect public health and
79.6 safety of the groundwater.
79.7 (g) A permit granted under this section is not valid if a water-use permit is required for
79.8 the project and is not approved by the commissioner of natural resources.
79.9 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
79.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 103I.621, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
79.11 Subd. 2. **Water-use requirements apply.** Water-use permit requirements and penalties
79.12 under chapter ~~103F~~ 103G and related rules adopted and enforced by the commissioner of
79.13 natural resources apply to groundwater thermal exchange permit recipients. A person who
79.14 violates a provision of this section is subject to enforcement or penalties for the noncomplying
79.15 activity that are available to the commissioner and the Pollution Control Agency.
79.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

79.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 1, is amended
79.18 to read:
79.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
79.20 apply.
79.21 (b) "Advanced dental therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a dental therapist
79.22 under section 150A.06, and who is certified as an advanced dental therapist under section
79.23 150A.106.
79.24 (c) "Alcohol and drug counselor" means an individual who is licensed as an alcohol and
79.25 drug counselor under chapter 148F.
79.26 (d) "Dental therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a dental therapist under
79.27 section 150A.06.
79.28 (e) "Dentist" means an individual who is licensed to practice dentistry.
80.1 (f) "Designated rural area" means a statutory and home rule charter city or township that
80.2 is outside the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2,
80.3 excluding the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud.

108.1 (10) groundwater level monitoring; or
108.2 (11) groundwater quality monitoring.
108.3 (f) The property owner or the property owner's agent must submit to the commissioner
108.4 a permit application on a form provided by the commissioner, or in a format approved by
108.5 the commissioner, that provides any information necessary to protect public health and
108.6 safety of groundwater.
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108.8 the project and is not approved by the commissioner of natural resources.
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108.14 violates a provision of this section is subject to enforcement or penalties for the noncomplying
108.15 activity that are available to the commissioner and the Pollution Control Agency.
108.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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80.4 (g) "Emergency circumstances" means those conditions that make it impossible for the
80.5 participant to fulfill the service commitment, including death, total and permanent disability,
80.6 or temporary disability lasting more than two years.

80.7 ~~(h) "Hospital nurse" means an individual who is licensed as a registered nurse and who~~
80.8 ~~is providing direct patient care in a nonprofit hospital setting.~~

80.9 ~~(h)~~ (h) "Mental health professional" means an individual providing clinical services in
80.10 the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the ways specified in section
80.11 245.462, subdivision 18.

80.12 ~~(i)~~ (i) "Medical resident" means an individual participating in a medical residency in
80.13 family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

80.14 ~~(j)~~ (j) "Midlevel practitioner" means a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse
80.15 anesthetist, advanced clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant.

80.16 ~~(k)~~ (k) "Nurse" means an individual who has completed training and received all licensing
80.17 or certification necessary to perform duties as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.

80.18 ~~(m)~~ (l) "Nurse-midwife" means a registered nurse who has graduated from a program
80.19 of study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse-midwives.

80.20 ~~(n)~~ (m) "Nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who has graduated from a program
80.21 of study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse practitioners.

80.22 ~~(o)~~ (n) "Pharmacist" means an individual with a valid license issued under chapter 151.

80.23 ~~(p)~~ (o) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed to practice medicine in the areas
80.24 of family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

80.25 ~~(q)~~ (p) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under chapter 147A.

80.26 ~~(r)~~ (q) "Public health nurse" means a registered nurse licensed in Minnesota who has
80.27 obtained a registration certificate as a public health nurse from the Board of Nursing in
80.28 accordance with Minnesota Rules, chapter 6316.

80.29 ~~(s)~~ (r) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation
80.30 loan for actual costs paid for tuition, reasonable education expenses, and reasonable living
80.31 expenses related to the graduate or undergraduate education of a health care professional.

81.1 ~~(t)~~ (s) "Underserved urban community" means a Minnesota urban area or population
81.2 included in the list of designated primary medical care health professional shortage areas
81.3 (HPSAs), medically underserved areas (MUAs), or medically underserved populations
81.4 (MUPs) maintained and updated by the United States Department of Health and Human
81.5 Services.

81.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 2, is amended
81.7 to read:

81.8 Subd. 2. ~~Creation of account Availability.~~ (a) ~~A health professional education loan~~
81.9 ~~forgiveness program account is established.~~ The commissioner of health shall use money
81.10 ~~from the account to establish a~~ appropriated for health professional education loan forgiveness
81.11 ~~program in this section;~~

81.12 (1) for medical residents, mental health professionals, and alcohol and drug counselors
81.13 agreeing to practice in designated rural areas or underserved urban communities or
81.14 specializing in the area of pediatric psychiatry;

81.15 (2) for midlevel practitioners agreeing to practice in designated rural areas or to teach
81.16 at least 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per year in the nursing field in a postsecondary program
81.17 at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate level;

81.18 (3) for nurses who agree to practice in a Minnesota nursing home; in an intermediate
81.19 care facility for persons with developmental disability; in a hospital if the hospital owns
81.20 and operates a Minnesota nursing home and a minimum of 50 percent of the hours worked
81.21 by the nurse is in the nursing home; in an assisted living facility as defined in section
81.22 144G.08, subdivision 7; or for a home care provider as defined in section 144A.43,
81.23 subdivision 4; or agree to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per year in the nursing
81.24 field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate
81.25 level;

81.26 (4) for other health care technicians agreeing to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720
81.27 hours per year in their designated field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate
81.28 level or the equivalent at the graduate level. The commissioner, in consultation with the
81.29 Healthcare Education-Industry Partnership, shall determine the health care fields where the
81.30 need is the greatest, including, but not limited to, respiratory therapy, clinical laboratory
81.31 technology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology;

81.32 (5) for pharmacists, advanced dental therapists, dental therapists, and public health nurses
81.33 who agree to practice in designated rural areas; and

82.1 (6) for dentists agreeing to deliver at least 25 percent of the dentist's yearly patient
82.2 encounters to state public program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule
82.3 discounts through a formal sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the
82.4 United States Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations,
82.5 title 42, section 51, chapter 303; and

82.6 ~~(7) for nurses employed as a hospital nurse by a nonprofit hospital and providing direct~~
82.7 ~~care to patients at the nonprofit hospital.~~

82.8 (b) Appropriations made ~~to the account~~ for health professional education loan forgiveness
82.9 in this section do not cancel and are available until expended, except that at the end of each

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109.9 ~~program in this section;~~

109.10 (1) for medical residents, physicians, mental health professionals, and alcohol and drug
109.11 counselors agreeing to practice in designated rural areas or underserved urban communities
109.12 or specializing in the area of pediatric psychiatry;

109.13 (2) for midlevel practitioners agreeing to practice in designated rural areas or to teach
109.14 at least 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per year in the nursing field in a postsecondary program
109.15 at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate level;

109.16 (3) for nurses who agree to practice in a Minnesota nursing home; in an intermediate
109.17 care facility for persons with developmental disability; in a hospital if the hospital owns
109.18 and operates a Minnesota nursing home and a minimum of 50 percent of the hours worked
109.19 by the nurse is in the nursing home; in an assisted living facility as defined in section
109.20 144G.08, subdivision 7; or for a home care provider as defined in section 144A.43,
109.21 subdivision 4; or agree to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per year in the nursing
109.22 field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate
109.23 level;

109.24 (4) for other health care technicians agreeing to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720
109.25 hours per year in their designated field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate
109.26 level or the equivalent at the graduate level. The commissioner, in consultation with the
109.27 Healthcare Education-Industry Partnership, shall determine the health care fields where the
109.28 need is the greatest, including, but not limited to, respiratory therapy, clinical laboratory
109.29 technology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology;

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109.31 who agree to practice in designated rural areas;

109.32 (6) for dentists agreeing to deliver at least 25 percent of the dentist's yearly patient
109.33 encounters to state public program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule
110.1 discounts through a formal sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the
110.2 United States Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations,
110.3 title 42, section 51, chapter 303 51c.303; and

110.4 ~~(7) for nurses employed as a hospital nurse by a nonprofit hospital and providing direct~~
110.5 ~~care to patients at the nonprofit hospital.~~

110.6 (b) Appropriations made ~~to the account~~ for health professional education loan forgiveness
110.7 in this section do not cancel and are available until expended, except that at the end of each

82.10 biennium, any remaining balance in the account that is not committed by contract and not
82.11 needed to fulfill existing commitments shall cancel to the fund.

82.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 3, is amended
82.13 to read:

82.14 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible to participate in the loan forgiveness program, an
82.15 individual must:

82.16 (1) be a medical or dental resident; a licensed pharmacist; or be enrolled in a training or
82.17 education program to become a dentist, dental therapist, advanced dental therapist, mental
82.18 health professional, alcohol and drug counselor, pharmacist, public health nurse, midlevel
82.19 practitioner, registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. The commissioner may also
82.20 consider applications submitted by graduates in eligible professions who are licensed and
82.21 in practice; and

82.22 (2) submit an application to the commissioner of health. ~~A nurse applying under~~
82.23 ~~subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (7), must also include proof that the applicant is employed~~
82.24 ~~as a hospital nurse.~~

82.25 (b) An applicant selected to participate must sign a contract to agree to serve a minimum
82.26 three-year full-time service obligation according to subdivision 2, which shall begin no later
82.27 than March 31 following completion of required training, with the exception of:

82.28 (1) a nurse, who must agree to serve a minimum two-year full-time service obligation
82.29 according to subdivision 2, which shall begin no later than March 31 following completion
82.30 of required training; and

82.31 ~~(2) a nurse selected under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (7), who must agree to~~
82.32 ~~continue as a hospital nurse for a minimum two-year service obligation; and~~

83.1 ~~(3) (2) a nurse who agrees to teach according to subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3),~~
83.2 ~~who must sign a contract to agree to teach for a minimum of two years.~~

83.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 4, is amended
83.4 to read:

83.5 Subd. 4. **Loan forgiveness.** (a) The commissioner of health may select applicants each
83.6 year for participation in the loan forgiveness program, within the limits of available funding.
83.7 In considering applications, the commissioner shall give preference to applicants who
83.8 document diverse cultural competencies. The commissioner shall distribute available funds
83.9 for loan forgiveness proportionally among the eligible professions according to the vacancy
83.10 rate for each profession in the required geographic area, facility type, teaching area, patient
83.11 group, or specialty type specified in subdivision 2, ~~except for hospital nurses.~~ The
83.12 commissioner shall allocate funds for physician loan forgiveness so that 75 percent of the
83.13 funds available are used for rural physician loan forgiveness and 25 percent of the funds
83.14 available are used for underserved urban communities and pediatric psychiatry loan
83.15 forgiveness. If the commissioner does not receive enough qualified applicants each year to

110.8 biennium, any remaining balance in the account that is not committed by contract and not
110.9 needed to fulfill existing commitments shall cancel to the fund.

83.16 use the entire allocation of funds for any eligible profession, the remaining funds may be
83.17 allocated proportionally among the other eligible professions according to the vacancy rate
83.18 for each profession in the required geographic area, patient group, or facility type specified
83.19 in subdivision 2. Applicants are responsible for securing their own qualified educational
83.20 loans. The commissioner shall select participants based on their suitability for practice
83.21 serving the required geographic area or facility type specified in subdivision 2, as indicated
83.22 by experience or training. The commissioner shall give preference to applicants closest to
83.23 completing their training. Except as specified in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (b), for each year that a
83.24 participant meets the service obligation required under subdivision 3, up to a maximum of
83.25 four years, the commissioner shall make annual disbursements directly to the participant
83.26 equivalent to 15 percent of the average educational debt for indebted graduates in their
83.27 profession in the year closest to the applicant's selection for which information is available,
83.28 not to exceed the balance of the participant's qualifying educational loans. Before receiving
83.29 loan repayment disbursements and as requested, the participant must complete and return
83.30 to the commissioner a confirmation of practice form provided by the commissioner verifying
83.31 that the participant is practicing as required under subdivisions 2 and 3. The participant
83.32 must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of loan repayment
83.33 disbursement received by the participant has been applied toward the designated loans.
83.34 After each disbursement, verification must be received by the commissioner and approved
83.35 before the next loan repayment disbursement is made. Participants who move their practice
84.1 remain eligible for loan repayment as long as they practice as required under subdivision
84.2 2.

84.3 ~~(b) For hospital nurses, the commissioner of health shall select applicants each year for~~
84.4 ~~participation in the hospital nursing education loan forgiveness program, within limits of~~
84.5 ~~available funding for hospital nurses. Before receiving the annual loan repayment~~
84.6 ~~disbursement, the participant must complete and return to the commissioner a confirmation~~
84.7 ~~of practice form provided by the commissioner, verifying that the participant continues to~~
84.8 ~~meet the eligibility requirements under subdivision 3. The participant must provide the~~
84.9 ~~commissioner with verification that the full amount of loan repayment disbursement received~~
84.10 ~~by the participant has been applied toward the designated loans.~~

84.11 ~~(e)~~ (b) For each year that a participant who is a nurse and who has agreed to teach
84.12 according to subdivision 2 meets the teaching obligation required in subdivision 3, the
84.13 commissioner shall make annual disbursements directly to the participant equivalent to 15
84.14 percent of the average annual educational debt for indebted graduates in the nursing
84.15 profession in the year closest to the participant's selection for which information is available,
84.16 not to exceed the balance of the participant's qualifying educational loans.

84.17 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.1501, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

84.18 Subd. 5. **Penalty for nonfulfillment.** If a participant does not fulfill the required
84.19 minimum commitment of service according to subdivision 3, the commissioner of health
84.20 shall collect from the participant the total amount paid to the participant under the loan
84.21 forgiveness program plus interest at a rate established according to section 270C.40. The

110.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.1501, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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110.12 minimum commitment of service according to subdivision 3, the commissioner of health
110.13 shall collect from the participant the total amount paid to the participant under the loan
110.14 forgiveness program plus interest at a rate established according to section 270C.40. The

84.22 commissioner shall deposit the money collected in ~~the health care access fund to be credited~~
84.23 ~~to a dedicated account in the special revenue fund. The balance of the account is appropriated~~
84.24 ~~annually to the commissioner for the health professional education loan forgiveness program~~
84.25 ~~account~~ established in subdivision 2. The commissioner shall allow waivers of all or part
84.26 of the money owed the commissioner as a result of a nonfulfillment penalty if emergency
84.27 circumstances prevented fulfillment of the minimum service commitment.

84.28 Sec. 8. **[144.1512] HOSPITAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL LOAN FORGIVENESS**
84.29 **PROGRAM.**

84.30 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
84.31 apply.

85.1 (b) "Emergency circumstances" means those conditions that make it impossible for the
85.2 participant to fulfill the service commitment, including death, total and permanent disability,
85.3 or temporary disability lasting more than two years.

85.4 (c) "Hospital nurse" means an individual who is licensed as a registered nurse and who
85.5 is providing direct patient care in a nonprofit hospital setting.

85.6 (d) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan
85.7 for actual costs paid for tuition, reasonable education expenses, and reasonable living
85.8 expenses related to the graduate or undergraduate education of a health care professional.

85.9 Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) A hospital nursing education loan forgiveness program
85.10 account is established in the special revenue fund. The commissioner of health shall use
85.11 money from the account to establish a loan forgiveness program for licensed registered
85.12 nurses employed as hospital nurses by a nonprofit hospital and who provide direct care to
85.13 patients at the nonprofit hospital.

85.14 (b) Money transferred to or deposited in the account does not cancel and is available
85.15 until expended. The balance of the account is appropriated annually to the commissioner
85.16 for the hospital nursing educational loan forgiveness program.

85.17 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible to participate in the hospital nursing educational
85.18 loan forgiveness program, an individual must: (1) be a hospital nurse who has been employed
85.19 as a hospital nurse for at least three years; (2) submit an application to the commissioner of
85.20 health; and (3) submit proof that the applicant is employed as a hospital nurse and has been
85.21 so employed for at least three years.

85.22 (b) The commissioner must accept a signed work verification form from the applicant's
85.23 supervisor as proof of the applicant's tenure providing direct patient care in a nonprofit
85.24 hospital setting.

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110.16 ~~to a dedicated account in the special revenue fund. The balance of the account is appropriated~~
110.17 ~~annually to the commissioner for the health professional education loan forgiveness program~~
110.18 ~~account~~ established in subdivision 2. The commissioner shall allow waivers of all or part
110.19 of the money owed the commissioner as a result of a nonfulfillment penalty if emergency
110.20 circumstances prevented fulfillment of the minimum service commitment.

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85.25 (c) An applicant selected to participate in the loan forgiveness program must sign a
85.26 contract to agree to continue as a hospital nurse for a minimum two-year service obligation.

85.27 Subd. 4. **Loan forgiveness.** (a) Within the limits of available funding, the commissioner
85.28 of health shall select applicants each year for participation in the loan forgiveness program.
85.29 If the total requests from eligible applicants exceeds the available funding, the commissioner
85.30 shall randomly select grantees from among eligible applicants.

85.31 (b) Applicants are responsible for securing their own qualified educational loans.

85.32 (c) For each year that a participant meets the service obligation required under subdivision
85.33 3, up to a maximum of four years, the commissioner shall make annual disbursements
86.1 directly to the participant equivalent to 15 percent of the average educational debt for
86.2 indebted graduates in their profession in the year closest to the applicant's selection for
86.3 which information is available, not to exceed the balance of the participant's qualifying
86.4 educational loans. Before receiving loan repayment disbursements and as requested, the
86.5 participant must complete and return to the commissioner a confirmation of practice form
86.6 provided by the commissioner verifying that the participant is practicing as required under
86.7 subdivisions 2 and 3.

86.8 (d) The participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount
86.9 of loan repayment disbursement received by the participant has been applied toward the
86.10 designated loans. After each disbursement, verification must be received by the commissioner
86.11 and approved before the next loan repayment disbursement is made.

86.12 (e) Participants who move their practice remain eligible for loan repayment as long as
86.13 they practice as required under subdivisions 2 and 3.

86.14 Subd. 5. **Penalty for nonfulfillment.** (a) If a participant does not fulfill the required
86.15 minimum commitment of service according to subdivision 3, the commissioner of health
86.16 shall collect from the participant the total amount paid to the participant under the loan
86.17 forgiveness program. The commissioner shall deposit the money collected from the
86.18 participant in the special revenue fund to be credited to the hospital nursing education loan
86.19 forgiveness program account established in subdivision 2.

86.20 (b) The commissioner shall allow waivers of all or part of the money owed to the
86.21 commissioner as a result of a nonfulfillment penalty if the participant is unable to fulfill the
86.22 minimum service commitment due to emergency circumstances, life changes outside the
86.23 applicant's control, inability to obtain required hours as a result of a scheduling decision by
86.24 the hospital, or other circumstances as determined by the commissioner.

86.25 Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

86.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

86.27 Subd. 1a. **Notice of closing, curtailing operations, relocating services, or ceasing to**
86.28 **offer certain services; hospitals.** (a) The controlling persons of a hospital licensed under
86.29 sections 144.50 to 144.56 or a hospital campus must notify the commissioner of health ~~and,~~

111.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

111.19 Subd. 1a. **Notice of closing, curtailing operations, relocating services, or ceasing to**
111.20 **offer certain services; hospitals.** (a) The controlling persons of a hospital licensed under
111.21 sections 144.50 to 144.56 or a hospital campus must notify the commissioner of health ~~and,~~

86.30 the public, and others at least ~~420~~ 182 days before the hospital or hospital campus voluntarily
86.31 plans to implement one of the ~~following~~ scheduled actions listed in paragraph (b), unless
86.32 the controlling persons can demonstrate to the commissioner that meeting the advanced
86.33 notice requirement is not feasible and the commissioner approves a shorter advanced notice.

87.1 (b) The following scheduled actions require advanced notice under paragraph (a):

87.2 (1) ~~cease~~ ceasing operations;

87.3 (2) ~~curtail~~ curtailing operations to the extent that patients must be relocated;

87.4 (3) ~~relocate~~ relocating the provision of health services to another hospital or another
87.5 hospital campus; or

87.6 (4) ~~cease offering~~ ceasing to offer maternity care and newborn care services, intensive
87.7 care unit services, inpatient mental health services, or inpatient substance use disorder
87.8 treatment services.

87.9 (c) A notice required under this subdivision must comply with the requirements in
87.10 subdivision 1d.

87.11 ~~(b)~~ (d) The commissioner shall cooperate with the controlling persons and advise them
87.12 about relocating the patients.

87.13 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

87.14 Subd. 1b. **Public hearing.** Within ~~45~~ 30 days after receiving notice under subdivision
87.15 1a, the commissioner shall conduct a public hearing on the scheduled cessation of operations,
87.16 curtailment of operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering health
87.17 services. The commissioner must provide adequate public notice of the hearing in a time
87.18 and manner determined by the commissioner. The controlling persons of the hospital or
87.19 hospital campus must participate in the public hearing. The public hearing must be held at
87.20 a location that is within ~~ten~~ miles of the hospital or hospital campus or ~~with the~~
87.21 ~~commissioner's approval as close as is practicable, and that is provided or arranged by the~~
87.22 hospital or hospital campus. Video conferencing technology must be used to allow members
87.23 of the public to view and participate in the hearing. The public hearing must include:

87.24 (1) an explanation by the controlling persons of the reasons for ceasing or curtailing
87.25 operations, relocating health services, or ceasing to offer any of the listed health services;

87.26 (2) a description of the actions that controlling persons will take to ensure that residents
87.27 in the hospital's or campus's service area have continued access to the health services being
87.28 eliminated, curtailed, or relocated;

87.29 (3) an opportunity for public testimony on the scheduled cessation or curtailment of
87.30 operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering any of the listed health

111.22 the public, and others at least ~~420~~ 182 days before the hospital or hospital campus voluntarily
111.23 plans to implement one of the ~~following~~ scheduled actions:

111.24 (1) ~~cease~~ operations;

111.25 (2) ~~curtail~~ operations to the extent that patients must be relocated;

111.26 (3) ~~relocate~~ the provision of health services to another hospital or another hospital
111.27 campus; or

111.28 (4) ~~cease offering~~ maternity care and newborn care services, intensive care unit services,
111.29 inpatient mental health services, or inpatient substance use disorder treatment services.

112.1 (b) A notice required under this subdivision must comply with the requirements in
112.2 subdivision 1d.

112.3 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner shall cooperate with the controlling persons and advise them
112.4 about relocating the patients.

112.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

112.6 Subd. 1b. **Public hearing.** Within ~~45~~ 30 days after receiving notice under subdivision
112.7 1a, the commissioner shall conduct a public hearing on the scheduled cessation of operations,
112.8 curtailment of operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering health
112.9 services. The commissioner must provide adequate public notice of the hearing in a time
112.10 and manner determined by the commissioner. The controlling persons of the hospital or
112.11 hospital campus must participate in the public hearing. The public hearing must be held at
112.12 a location that is within ~~30~~ miles of the hospital or hospital campus ~~and that is provided or~~
112.13 ~~arranged by the hospital or hospital campus. A hospital or hospital campus is encouraged~~
112.14 ~~to hold the public hearing at a location that is within ten miles of the hospital or hospital~~
112.15 campus. Video conferencing technology must be used to allow members of the public to
112.16 view and participate in the hearing. The public hearing must include:

112.17 (1) an explanation by the controlling persons of the reasons for ceasing or curtailing
112.18 operations, relocating health services, or ceasing to offer any of the listed health services;

112.19 (2) a description of the actions that controlling persons will take to ensure that residents
112.20 in the hospital's or campus's service area have continued access to the health services being
112.21 eliminated, curtailed, or relocated;

112.22 (3) an opportunity for public testimony on the scheduled cessation or curtailment of
112.23 operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering any of the listed health

87.31 services, and on the hospital's or campus's plan to ensure continued access to those health
87.32 services being eliminated, curtailed, or relocated; and

88.1 (4) an opportunity for the controlling persons to respond to questions from interested
88.2 persons.

88.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, is amended by adding a subdivision
88.4 to read:

88.5 Subd. 1d. **Methods of providing notice; content of notice.** (a) A notice required under
88.6 subdivision 1a must be provided to patients, hospital personnel, the public, local units of
88.7 government, and the commissioner of health using at least the following methods:

88.8 (1) posting a notice of the proposed cessation of operations, curtailment, relocation of
88.9 health services, or cessation in offering health services at the main public entrance of the
88.10 hospital or hospital campus;

88.11 (2) providing written notice to the commissioner of health, to the city council in the city
88.12 where the hospital or hospital campus is located, and to the county board in the county
88.13 where the hospital or hospital campus is located;

88.14 (3) providing written notice to the local health department as defined in section 145A.02,
88.15 subdivision 8b, for the community where the hospital or hospital campus is located;

88.16 (4) providing notice to the public through a written public announcement which must
88.17 be distributed to local media outlets;

88.18 (5) providing written notice to existing patients of the hospital or hospital campus; and

88.19 (6) notifying all personnel currently employed in the unit, hospital, or hospital campus
88.20 impacted by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation.

88.21 (b) A notice required under subdivision 1a must include:

88.22 (1) a description of the proposed cessation of operations, curtailment, relocation of health
88.23 services, or cessation in offering health services. The description must include:

88.24 (i) the number of beds, if any, that will be eliminated, repurposed, reassigned, or otherwise
88.25 reconfigured to serve populations or patients other than those currently served;

88.26 (ii) the current number of beds in the impacted unit, hospital, or hospital campus, and
88.27 the number of beds in the impacted unit, hospital, or hospital campus after the proposed
88.28 cessation, curtailment, or relocation takes place;

88.29 (iii) the number of existing patients who will be impacted by the proposed cessation,
88.30 curtailment, or relocation;

89.1 (iv) any decrease in personnel, or relocation of personnel to a different unit, hospital, or
89.2 hospital campus, caused by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation;

112.24 services, and on the hospital's or campus's plan to ensure continued access to those health
112.25 services being eliminated, curtailed, or relocated; and

112.26 (4) an opportunity for the controlling persons to respond to questions from interested
112.27 persons.

112.28 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, is amended by adding a subdivision
112.29 to read:

112.30 Subd. 1d. **Methods of providing notice; content of notice.** (a) A notice required under
112.31 subdivision 1a must be provided to patients, hospital personnel, the public, local units of
112.32 government, and the commissioner of health using at least the following methods:

113.1 (1) posting a notice of the proposed cessation of operations, curtailment, relocation of
113.2 health services, or cessation in offering health services at the main public entrance of the
113.3 hospital or hospital campus;

113.4 (2) providing written notice to the commissioner of health, to the city council in the city
113.5 where the hospital or hospital campus is located, and to the county board in the county
113.6 where the hospital or hospital campus is located;

113.7 (3) providing written notice to the local health department as defined in section 145A.02,
113.8 subdivision 8b, for the community where the hospital or hospital campus is located;

113.9 (4) providing notice to the public through a written public announcement which must
113.10 be distributed to local media outlets;

113.11 (5) providing written notice to existing patients of the hospital or hospital campus; and

113.12 (6) notifying all personnel currently employed in the unit, hospital, or hospital campus
113.13 impacted by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation.

113.14 (b) A notice required under subdivision 1a must include:

113.15 (1) a description of the proposed cessation of operations, curtailment, relocation of health
113.16 services, or cessation in offering health services. The description must include:

113.17 (i) the number of beds, if any, that will be eliminated, repurposed, reassigned, or otherwise
113.18 reconfigured to serve populations or patients other than those currently served;

113.19 (ii) the current number of beds in the impacted unit, hospital, or hospital campus, and
113.20 the number of beds in the impacted unit, hospital, or hospital campus after the proposed
113.21 cessation, curtailment, or relocation takes place;

113.22 (iii) the number of existing patients who will be impacted by the proposed cessation,
113.23 curtailment, or relocation;

113.24 (iv) any decrease in personnel, or relocation of personnel to a different unit, hospital, or
113.25 hospital campus, caused by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation;

89.3 (v) a description of the health services provided by the unit, hospital, or hospital campus
89.4 impacted by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation; and

89.5 (vi) identification of the three nearest available health care facilities where patients may
89.6 obtain the health services provided by the unit, hospital, or hospital campus impacted by
89.7 the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation, and any potential barriers to seamlessly
89.8 transition patients to receive services at one of these facilities. If the unit, hospital, or hospital
89.9 campus impacted by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation serves medical
89.10 assistance or Medicare enrollees, the information required under this item must specify
89.11 whether any of the three nearest available facilities serves medical assistance or Medicare
89.12 enrollees; and

89.13 (2) a telephone number, email address, and address for each of the following, to which
89.14 interested parties may offer comments on the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation:

89.15 (i) the hospital or hospital campus; and

89.16 (ii) the parent entity, if any, or the entity under contract, if any, that acts as the corporate
89.17 administrator of the hospital or hospital campus.

89.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

89.19 Subd. 2. **Penalty; facilities other than hospitals.** Failure to notify the commissioner
89.20 under subdivision 1, ~~1a, or 1c or failure to participate in a public hearing under subdivision~~
89.21 ~~1b~~ may result in issuance of a correction order under section 144.653, subdivision 5.

89.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, is amended by adding a subdivision
89.23 to read:

89.24 Subd. 3. **Penalties; hospitals.** (a) Failure to participate in a public hearing under
89.25 subdivision 1b or failure to notify the commissioner under subdivision 1c may result in
89.26 issuance of a correction order under section 144.653, subdivision 5.

89.27 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner must impose on the
89.28 controlling persons of a hospital or hospital campus a fine of \$20,000 for each failure to
89.29 provide notice to an individual or entity or at a location required under subdivision 1d,
89.30 paragraph (a). The cumulative fines imposed under this paragraph must not exceed \$60,000
89.31 for any scheduled action requiring notice under subdivision 1a. The commissioner is not
90.1 required to issue a correction order before imposing a fine under this paragraph. Section
90.2 144.653, subdivision 8, applies to fines imposed under this paragraph.

90.3 Sec. 14. **[144.556] RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL; SALE OF HOSPITAL OR**
90.4 **HOSPITAL CAMPUS.**

90.5 (a) The controlling persons of a hospital licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 or a
90.6 hospital campus must not sell or convey the hospital or hospital campus, offer to sell or
90.7 convey the hospital or hospital campus to a person other than a local unit of government
90.8 listed in this paragraph, or voluntarily cease operations of the hospital or hospital campus

113.26 (v) a description of the health services provided by the unit, hospital, or hospital campus
113.27 impacted by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation; and

113.28 (vi) identification of the three nearest available health care facilities where patients may
113.29 obtain the health services provided by the unit, hospital, or hospital campus impacted by
113.30 the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation, and any potential barriers to seamlessly
113.31 transition patients to receive services at one of these facilities. If the unit, hospital, or hospital
113.32 campus impacted by the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation serves medical
114.1 assistance or Medicare enrollees, the information required under this item must specify
114.2 whether any of the three nearest available facilities serves medical assistance or Medicare
114.3 enrollees; and

114.4 (2) a telephone number, email address, and address for each of the following, to which
114.5 interested parties may offer comments on the proposed cessation, curtailment, or relocation:

114.6 (i) the hospital or hospital campus; and

114.7 (ii) the parent entity, if any, or the entity under contract, if any, that acts as the corporate
114.8 administrator of the hospital or hospital campus.

114.9 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

114.10 Subd. 2. **Penalty; facilities other than hospitals.** Failure to notify the commissioner
114.11 under subdivision 1, ~~1a, or 1c or failure to participate in a public hearing under subdivision~~
114.12 ~~1b~~ may result in issuance of a correction order under section 144.653, subdivision 5.

114.13 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.555, is amended by adding a subdivision
114.14 to read:

114.15 Subd. 3. **Penalties; hospitals.** (a) Failure to participate in a public hearing under
114.16 subdivision 1b or failure to notify the commissioner under subdivision 1c may result in
114.17 issuance of a correction order under section 144.653, subdivision 5.

114.18 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner must impose on the
114.19 controlling persons of a hospital or hospital campus a fine of \$20,000 for each failure to
114.20 provide notice to an individual or entity or at a location required under subdivision 1d,
114.21 paragraph (a), with the total fine amount imposed not to exceed \$60,000 for failures to
114.22 comply with the notice requirements for a single scheduled action. The commissioner is
114.23 not required to issue a correction order before imposing a fine under this paragraph. Section
114.24 144.653, subdivision 8, applies to fines imposed under this paragraph.

114.25 Sec. 13. **[144.556] RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL; SALE OF HOSPITAL OR**
114.26 **HOSPITAL CAMPUS.**

114.27 (a) The controlling persons of a hospital licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 or a
114.28 hospital campus must not sell or convey the hospital or hospital campus, offer to sell or
114.29 convey the hospital or hospital campus to a person other than a local unit of government
114.30 listed in this paragraph, or voluntarily cease operations of the hospital or hospital campus

90.9 unless the controlling persons have first made a good faith offer to sell or convey the hospital
90.10 or hospital campus to the home rule charter or statutory city, county, town, or hospital
90.11 district in which the hospital or hospital campus is located.

90.12 (b) The offer to sell or convey the hospital or hospital campus to a local unit of
90.13 government under paragraph (a) must be at a price that does not exceed the current fair
90.14 market value of the hospital or hospital campus. A party to whom an offer is made under
90.15 paragraph (a) must accept or decline the offer within 60 days of receipt. If the party to whom
90.16 the offer is made fails to respond within 60 days of receipt, the offer is deemed declined.

90.17 Sec. 15. **[144.557] HOSPITAL CLOSURE REVIEW.**

90.18 Subdivision 1. **Hospital closure review.** (a) For purposes of this section, "hospital"
90.19 means an acute care institution licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58.

90.20 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, from the effective date of this section,
90.21 unless a public interest review meeting the requirements of subdivision 2 concludes that
90.22 the intended actions in clauses (1) to (5) are not detrimental to the public's interest, a hospital
90.23 or hospital campus is prohibited from:

90.24 (1) ceasing operations;

90.25 (2) curtailing operations to the extent that patients must be relocated;

90.26 (3) relocating the provision of health services to another hospital or another hospital
90.27 campus;

90.28 (4) ceasing to offer maternity care and newborn care services, operating room services,
90.29 intensive care unit services, pediatric overnight services, inpatient mental health services,
90.30 or inpatient substance use disorder treatment services; or

91.1 (5) implementing an action listed in clauses (1) to (4) for which notice was provided to
91.2 the commissioner of health and the public under section 144.555 before the effective date
91.3 of this section.

91.4 (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply:

91.5 (1) if the hospital ceases operations due to insolvency of the corporation in accordance
91.6 with chapter 317A or if insolvency proceedings are commenced under chapter 60B; or

91.7 (2) if the cessation in or curtailment of operations, relocation of health services, or
91.8 cessation in offering certain health services is necessary, as determined by the commissioner
91.9 of health, because of a fire, tornado, flood, storm damage, or other similar disaster.

91.10 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of health must enforce
91.11 this section using the powers and authority in section 144.653.

91.12 Subd. 2. **Public interest review.** (a) A hospital or hospital campus that intends to take
91.13 an action described in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (5), must submit an action

114.31 unless the controlling persons have first made a good faith offer to sell or convey the hospital
115.1 or hospital campus to the home rule charter or statutory city, county, town, or hospital
115.2 district in which the hospital or hospital campus is located.

115.3 (b) The offer to sell or convey the hospital or hospital campus to a local unit of
115.4 government under paragraph (a) must be at a price that does not exceed the current fair
115.5 market value of the hospital or hospital campus. A party to whom an offer is made under
115.6 paragraph (a) must accept or decline the offer within 60 days of receipt. If the party to whom
115.7 the offer is made fails to respond within 60 days of receipt, the offer is deemed declined.

91.14 plan to the commissioner. The action plan must include information that includes an
91.15 explanation of how the intended action is not detrimental to the public's interest.

91.16 (b) Action plans submitted under this section shall include detailed information necessary
91.17 for the commissioner to review the action plan and reach a determination. The commissioner
91.18 may request additional information from the hospital submitting an action plan under this
91.19 subdivision and from others potentially affected by the intended action that the commissioner
91.20 deems necessary to review the action plan and make a determination. If the commissioner
91.21 determines that additional information is required from the hospital submitting an action
91.22 plan under this subdivision, the commissioner shall notify the hospital of the additional
91.23 information required no more than 15 days after the initial submission of the action plan.

91.24 (c) The commissioner shall review the action plan and, within 30 calendar days of the
91.25 date on which the commissioner receives complete information, issue a determination on
91.26 whether the intended action is detrimental to the public's interest. In making a determination,
91.27 the commissioner must consider issues including but not limited to:

91.28 (1) whether the intended action will deny timely access to care or access to services
91.29 given the number of available beds in the region. For the purposes of this clause, "available
91.30 beds" means the number of licensed acute care beds that are immediately available for use
91.31 or could be brought online within 48 hours without significant facility modifications;

91.32 (2) the operational impact of the intended action on existing acute-care hospitals in the
91.33 region; and

92.1 (3) how the intended action will affect the ability of existing hospitals in the region to
92.2 provide adequate and timely care, particularly for those health services that will be relocated
92.3 or no longer offered if the intended action is taken.

92.4 (d) Data collected, created, or maintained pursuant to this section is nonpublic data, as
92.5 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

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

92.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.61, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

92.8 Subd. 3a. **Competency evaluation program.** (a) The commissioner of health shall
92.9 approve the competency evaluation program.

92.10 (b) A competency evaluation must be administered to persons who desire to be listed
92.11 in the nursing assistant registry. The tests may only be administered by technical colleges,
92.12 community colleges, or other organizations approved by the ~~Department of Health~~
92.13 commissioner of health. The commissioner must ensure any written portions of the
92.14 competency evaluation are available in languages other than English that are commonly
92.15 spoken by persons who desire to be listed in the nursing assistant registry. The commissioner
92.16 may consult with the state demographer or the commissioner of employment and economic

92.17 development when identifying languages that are commonly spoken by persons who desire
92.18 to be listed in the nursing assistant registry.

92.19 (c) The commissioner of health shall approve a nursing assistant for the registry without
92.20 requiring a competency evaluation if the nursing assistant is in good standing on a nursing
92.21 assistant registry in another state.

92.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

92.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

92.24 Subd. 3. **Controlling person.** "Controlling person" means a business entity or entities,
92.25 officer, program administrator, or director, whose responsibilities include the direction of
92.26 the management or policies of a supplemental nursing services agency the management and
92.27 decision-making authority to establish or control business policy and all other policies of a
92.28 supplemental nursing services agency. Controlling person also means an individual who,
92.29 directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a corporation, partnership, or other
92.30 business association that is a controlling person.

93.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

93.2 Subd. 5. **Person.** "Person" includes an individual, ~~firm,~~ corporation, partnership, limited
93.3 liability company, or association.

93.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

93.5 Subd. 6. **Supplemental nursing services agency.** "Supplemental nursing services
93.6 agency" means a person, ~~firm,~~ corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or
93.7 association engaged for hire in the business of providing or procuring temporary employment
93.8 in health care facilities for nurses, nursing assistants, nurse aides, and orderlies. Supplemental
93.9 nursing services agency does not include an individual who only engages in providing the
93.10 individual's services on a temporary basis to health care facilities. Supplemental nursing
93.11 services agency does not include a professional home care agency licensed under section
93.12 144A.471 that only provides staff to other home care providers.

93.13 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

93.14 Subd. 7. **Oversight.** The commissioner is responsible for the oversight of supplemental
93.15 nursing services agencies through ~~annual~~ semiannual unannounced surveys and follow-up
93.16 surveys, complaint investigations under sections 144A.51 to 144A.53, and other actions
93.17 necessary to ensure compliance with sections 144A.70 to 144A.74.

93.18 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

93.19 Subd. 2. **Application information and fee.** The commissioner shall establish forms and
93.20 procedures for processing each supplemental nursing services agency registration application.
93.21 An application for a supplemental nursing services agency registration must include at least
93.22 the following:

115.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

115.9 Subd. 3. **Controlling person.** "Controlling person" means a business entity or entities,
115.10 officer, program administrator, or director, whose responsibilities include the direction of
115.11 the management or policies of a supplemental nursing services agency the management and
115.12 decision-making authority to establish or control business policy and all other policies of a
115.13 supplemental nursing services agency. Controlling person also means an individual who,
115.14 directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a corporation, partnership, or other
115.15 business association that is a controlling person.

115.16 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

115.17 Subd. 5. **Person.** "Person" includes an individual, ~~firm,~~ corporation, partnership, limited
115.18 liability company, or association.

115.19 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

115.20 Subd. 6. **Supplemental nursing services agency.** "Supplemental nursing services
115.21 agency" means a person, ~~firm,~~ corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or
115.22 association engaged for hire in the business of providing or procuring temporary employment
115.23 in health care facilities for nurses, nursing assistants, nurse aides, and orderlies. Supplemental
115.24 nursing services agency does not include an individual who only engages in providing the
115.25 individual's services on a temporary basis to health care facilities. Supplemental nursing
115.26 services agency does not include a professional home care agency licensed under section
115.27 144A.471 that only provides staff to other home care providers.

115.28 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.70, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

115.29 Subd. 7. **Oversight.** The commissioner is responsible for the oversight of supplemental
115.30 nursing services agencies through ~~annual~~ semiannual unannounced surveys and follow-up
116.1 surveys, complaint investigations under sections 144A.51 to 144A.53, and other actions
116.2 necessary to ensure compliance with sections 144A.70 to 144A.74.

116.3 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

116.4 Subd. 2. **Application information and fee.** The commissioner shall establish forms and
116.5 procedures for processing each supplemental nursing services agency registration application.
116.6 An application for a supplemental nursing services agency registration must include at least
116.7 the following:

93.23 (1) the names and addresses of ~~the owner or owners~~ all owners and controlling persons
 93.24 of the supplemental nursing services agency;

93.25 (2) if the owner is a corporation, copies of its articles of incorporation and current bylaws,
 93.26 together with the names and addresses of its officers and directors;

93.27 ~~(3) satisfactory proof of compliance with section 144A.72, subdivision 1, clauses (5) to~~
 93.28 ~~(7) if the owner is a limited liability company, copies of its articles of organization and~~
 93.29 ~~operating agreement, together with the names and addresses of its officers and directors;~~

93.30 (4) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency has medical malpractice
 93.31 insurance to insure against the loss, damage, or expense of a claim arising out of the death
 94.1 or injury of any person as the result of negligence or malpractice in the provision of health
 94.2 care services by the supplemental nursing services agency or by any employee of the agency;

94.3 (5) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency has an employee
 94.4 dishonesty bond in the amount of \$10,000;

94.5 (6) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency has insurance coverage
 94.6 for workers' compensation for all nurses, nursing assistants, nurse ~~aids~~, and orderlies provided
 94.7 or procured by the agency;

94.8 (7) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency filed with the
 94.9 commissioner of revenue: (i) the name and address of the bank, savings bank, or savings
 94.10 association in which the supplemental nursing services agency deposits all employee income
 94.11 tax withholdings; and (ii) the name and address of any nurse, nursing assistant, nurse ~~aid~~,
 94.12 or orderly whose income is derived from placement by the agency, if the agency purports
 94.13 the income is not subject to withholding;

94.14 ~~(4)~~ (8) any other relevant information that the commissioner determines is necessary to
 94.15 properly evaluate an application for registration;

94.16 ~~(5)~~ (9) a policy and procedure that describes how the supplemental nursing services
 94.17 agency's records will be immediately available at all times to the commissioner and facility;
 94.18 and

94.19 ~~(6)~~ (10) a nonrefundable registration fee of \$2,035.

94.20 If a supplemental nursing services agency fails to provide the items in this subdivision
 94.21 to the department, the commissioner shall immediately suspend or refuse to issue the
 94.22 supplemental nursing services agency registration. The supplemental nursing services agency
 94.23 may appeal the commissioner's findings according to section 144A.475, subdivisions 3a
 94.24 and 7, except that the hearing must be conducted by an administrative law judge within 60
 94.25 calendar days of the request for hearing assignment.

116.8 (1) the names and addresses of ~~the owner or owners~~ all owners and controlling persons
 116.9 of the supplemental nursing services agency;

116.10 (2) if the owner is a corporation, copies of its articles of incorporation and current bylaws,
 116.11 together with the names and addresses of its officers and directors;

116.12 ~~(3) satisfactory proof of compliance with section 144A.72, subdivision 1, clauses (5) to~~
 116.13 ~~(7) if the owner is a limited liability company, copies of its articles of organization and~~
 116.14 ~~operating agreement, together with the names and addresses of its officers and directors;~~

116.15 (4) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency has medical malpractice
 116.16 insurance to insure against the loss, damage, or expense of a claim arising out of the death
 116.17 or injury of any person as the result of negligence or malpractice in the provision of health
 116.18 care services by the supplemental nursing services agency or by any employee of the agency;

116.19 (5) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency has an employee
 116.20 dishonesty bond in the amount of \$10,000;

116.21 (6) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency has insurance coverage
 116.22 for workers' compensation for all nurses, nursing assistants, nurse ~~aids~~, and orderlies
 116.23 provided or procured by the agency;

116.24 (7) documentation that the supplemental nursing services agency filed with the
 116.25 commissioner of revenue: (i) the name and address of the bank, savings bank, or savings
 116.26 association in which the supplemental nursing services agency deposits all employee income
 116.27 tax withholdings; and (ii) the name and address of any nurse, nursing assistant, nurse ~~aide~~,
 116.28 or orderly whose income is derived from placement by the agency, if the agency purports
 116.29 the income is not subject to withholding;

116.30 ~~(4)~~ (8) any other relevant information that the commissioner determines is necessary to
 116.31 properly evaluate an application for registration;

117.1 ~~(5)~~ (9) a policy and procedure that describes how the supplemental nursing services
 117.2 agency's records will be immediately available at all times to the commissioner and facility;
 117.3 and

117.4 ~~(6)~~ (10) a nonrefundable registration fee of \$2,035.

117.5 If a supplemental nursing services agency fails to provide the items in this subdivision
 117.6 to the department, the commissioner shall immediately suspend or refuse to issue the
 117.7 supplemental nursing services agency registration. The supplemental nursing services agency
 117.8 may appeal the commissioner's findings according to section 144A.475, subdivisions 3a
 117.9 and 7, except that the hearing must be conducted by an administrative law judge within 60
 117.10 calendar days of the request for hearing assignment.

94.26 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.71, is amended by adding a subdivision
94.27 to read:

94.28 Subd. 2a. **Renewal applications.** An applicant for registration renewal must complete
94.29 the registration application form supplied by the department. An application must be
94.30 submitted at least 60 days before the expiration of the current registration.

95.1 Sec. 23. **[144A.715] PENALTIES.**

95.2 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The fines imposed under this section are in accordance with
95.3 section 144.653, subdivision 6.

95.4 Subd. 2. **Fines.** Each violation of sections 144A.70 to 144A.74, not corrected at the time
95.5 of a follow-up survey, is subject to a fine. A fine must be assessed according to the schedules
95.6 established in the sections violated.

95.7 Subd. 3. **Failure to correct.** If, upon a subsequent follow-up survey after a fine has been
95.8 imposed under subdivision 2, a violation is still not corrected, another fine shall be assessed.
95.9 The fine shall be double the amount of the previous fine.

95.10 Subd. 4. **Payment of fines.** Payment of fines is due 15 business days from the registrant's
95.11 receipt of notice of the fine from the department.

95.12 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.72, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

95.13 Subdivision 1. **Minimum criteria.** (a) The commissioner shall require that, as a condition
95.14 of registration:

95.15 (1) all owners and controlling persons must complete a background study under section
95.16 144.057 and receive a clearance or set aside of any disqualification;

95.17 ~~(2)~~ (2) the supplemental nursing services agency shall document that each temporary
95.18 employee provided to health care facilities currently meets the minimum licensing, training,
95.19 and continuing education standards for the position in which the employee will be working
95.20 and verifies competency for the position. A violation of this provision may be subject to a
95.21 fine of \$3,000;

95.22 ~~(2)~~ (3) the supplemental nursing services agency shall comply with all pertinent
95.23 requirements relating to the health and other qualifications of personnel employed in health
95.24 care facilities;

95.25 ~~(3)~~ (4) the supplemental nursing services agency must not restrict in any manner the
95.26 employment opportunities of its employees. A violation of this provision may be subject
95.27 to a fine of \$3,000;

95.28 ~~(4) the supplemental nursing services agency shall carry medical malpractice insurance~~
95.29 ~~to insure against the loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim arising out of the death~~

117.11 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.71, is amended by adding a subdivision
117.12 to read:

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117.31 144.057 and receive a clearance or set aside of any disqualification;

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118.2 employee provided to health care facilities currently meets the minimum licensing, training,
118.3 and continuing education standards for the position in which the employee will be working
118.4 and verifies competency for the position. A supplemental nursing services agency that
118.5 violates this clause may be subject to a fine of \$3,000;

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118.7 requirements relating to the health and other qualifications of personnel employed in health
118.8 care facilities;

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118.10 employment opportunities of its employees. A supplemental nursing services agency that
118.11 violates this clause may be subject to a fine of \$3,000;

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118.13 ~~to insure against the loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim arising out of the death~~

95.30 or injury of any person as the result of negligence or malpractice in the provision of health
95.31 care services by the supplemental nursing services agency or by any employee of the agency;

96.1 (5) the supplemental nursing services agency shall carry an employee dishonesty bond
96.2 in the amount of \$10,000;

96.3 (6) the supplemental nursing services agency shall maintain insurance coverage for
96.4 workers' compensation for all nurses, nursing assistants, nurse aides, and orderlies provided
96.5 or procured by the agency;

96.6 (7) the supplemental nursing services agency shall file with the commissioner of revenue:
96.7 (i) the name and address of the bank, savings bank, or savings association in which the
96.8 supplemental nursing services agency deposits all employee income tax withholdings; and
96.9 (ii) the name and address of any nurse, nursing assistant, nurse aide, or orderly whose income
96.10 is derived from placement by the agency, if the agency purports the income is not subject
96.11 to withholdings;

96.12 (8) (5) the supplemental nursing services agency must not, in any contract with any
96.13 employee or health care facility, require the payment of liquidated damages, employment
96.14 fees, or other compensation should the employee be hired as a permanent employee of a
96.15 health care facility. A violation of this provision may be subject to a fine of \$3,000;

96.16 (9) (6) the supplemental nursing services agency shall document that each temporary
96.17 employee provided to health care facilities is an employee of the agency and is not an
96.18 independent contractor; and

96.19 (10) (7) the supplemental nursing services agency shall retain all records for five calendar
96.20 years. All records of the supplemental nursing services agency must be immediately available
96.21 to the department.

96.22 (b) In order to retain registration, the supplemental nursing services agency must provide
96.23 services to a health care facility during the year in Minnesota within the past 12 months
96.24 preceding the supplemental nursing services agency's registration renewal date.

96.25 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.73, is amended to read:

96.26 **144A.73 COMPLAINT SYSTEM.**

96.27 The commissioner shall establish a system for reporting complaints against a supplemental
96.28 nursing services agency or its employees. Complaints may be made by any member of the
96.29 public. Complaints against a supplemental nursing services agency shall be investigated by
96.30 the Office of Health Facility Complaints commissioner of health under sections 144A.51
96.31 to 144A.53.

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118.15 care services by the supplemental nursing services agency or by any employee of the agency;

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118.17 in the amount of \$10,000;

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118.19 workers' compensation for all nurses, nursing assistants, nurse aides, and orderlies provided
118.20 or procured by the agency;

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118.25 is derived from placement by the agency, if the agency purports the income is not subject
118.26 to withholdings;

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118.28 employee or health care facility, require the payment of liquidated damages, employment
118.29 fees, or other compensation should the employee be hired as a permanent employee of a
118.30 health care facility. A supplemental nursing services agency that violates this clause may
118.31 be subject to a fine of \$3,000;

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119.2 employee provided to health care facilities is an employee of the agency and is not an
119.3 independent contractor; and

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119.14 public. Complaints against a supplemental nursing services agency shall be investigated by
119.15 the Office of Health Facility Complaints commissioner of health under sections 144A.51
119.16 to 144A.53.

97.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.235, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

97.2 Subd. 10. **Administration of medications by unlicensed personnel in nursing**

97.3 **facilities.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 4658.1360, subpart 2,

97.4 a graduate of a foreign nursing school who has successfully completed an approved

97.5 competency evaluation under the provisions of section 144A.61 is eligible to administer

97.6 medications in a nursing facility upon completion of a any medication training program for

97.7 unlicensed personnel offered through a postsecondary educational institution, which approved

97.8 by the commissioner of health that meets the requirements specified in Minnesota Rules,

97.9 part 4658.1360, subpart 2, item B, subitems (1) to (6).

97.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

97.11 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

97.12 Subd. 3. **Arrangements for disposition.** "Arrangements for disposition" means any

97.13 action normally taken by a funeral provider in anticipation of or preparation for the

97.14 entombment, burial in a cemetery, alkaline hydrolysis, ~~or~~ cremation, or, effective July 1,

97.15 2025, natural organic reduction of a dead human body.

97.16 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

97.17 Subd. 16. **Final disposition.** "Final disposition" means the acts leading to and the

97.18 entombment, burial in a cemetery, alkaline hydrolysis, ~~or~~ cremation, or, effective July 1,

97.19 2025, natural organic reduction of a dead human body.

97.20 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 26a, is amended to read:

97.21 Subd. 26a. **Inurnment.** "Inurnment" means placing hydrolyzed or cremated remains in

97.22 a hydrolyzed or cremated remains container suitable for placement, burial, or shipment.

97.23 Effective July 1, 2025, inurnment also includes placing naturally reduced remains in a

97.24 naturally reduced remains container suitable for placement, burial, or shipment.

97.25 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

97.26 Subd. 27. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means any person or entity that has been issued a license

97.27 to practice mortuary science, to operate a funeral establishment, to operate an alkaline

97.28 hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ to operate a crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, to operate a natural

97.29 organic reduction facility by the Minnesota commissioner of health.

98.1 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision

98.2 to read:

98.3 Subd. 30b. **Natural organic reduction or naturally reduce.** "Natural organic reduction"

98.4 or "naturally reduce" means the contained, accelerated conversion of a dead human body

98.5 to soil. This subdivision is effective July 1, 2025.

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120.16 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

120.17 Subd. 3. **Arrangements for disposition.** "Arrangements for disposition" means any

120.18 action normally taken by a funeral provider in anticipation of or preparation for the

120.19 entombment, burial in a cemetery, alkaline hydrolysis, ~~or~~ cremation, or, effective July 1,

120.20 2025, natural organic reduction of a dead human body.

120.21 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

120.22 Subd. 16. **Final disposition.** "Final disposition" means the acts leading to and the

120.23 entombment, burial in a cemetery, alkaline hydrolysis, ~~or~~ cremation, or, effective July 1,

120.24 2025, natural organic reduction of a dead human body.

120.25 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 26a, is amended to read:

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121.5 organic reduction facility by the Minnesota commissioner of health.

121.6 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision

121.7 to read:

121.8 Subd. 30b. **Natural organic reduction or naturally reduce.** "Natural organic reduction"

121.9 or "naturally reduce" means the contained, accelerated conversion of a dead human body

121.10 to soil. This subdivision is effective July 1, 2025.

98.6 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
98.7 to read:

98.8 Subd. 30c. **Natural organic reduction facility.** "Natural organic reduction facility"
98.9 means a structure, room, or other space in a building or real property where natural organic
98.10 reduction of a dead human body occurs. This subdivision is effective July 1, 2025.

98.11 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
98.12 to read:

98.13 Subd. 30d. **Natural organic reduction vessel.** "Natural organic reduction vessel" means
98.14 the enclosed container in which natural organic reduction takes place. This subdivision is
98.15 effective July 1, 2025.

98.16 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
98.17 to read:

98.18 Subd. 30e. **Naturally reduced remains.** "Naturally reduced remains" means the soil
98.19 remains following the natural organic reduction of a dead human body and the accompanying
98.20 plant material. This subdivision is effective July 1, 2025.

98.21 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
98.22 to read:

98.23 Subd. 30f. **Naturally reduced remains container.** "Naturally reduced remains container"
98.24 means a receptacle in which naturally reduced remains are placed. This subdivision is
98.25 effective July 1, 2025.

98.26 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 35, is amended to read:

98.27 Subd. 35. **Processing.** "Processing" means the removal of foreign objects, drying or
98.28 cooling, and the reduction of the hydrolyzed ~~or~~ remains, cremated remains, or, effective
98.29 July 1, 2025, naturally reduced remains by mechanical means including, but not limited to,
99.1 grinding, crushing, or pulverizing, to a granulated appearance appropriate for final disposition
99.2 or the final reduction to naturally reduced remains.

99.3 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 37c, is amended to read:

99.4 Subd. 37c. **Scattering.** "Scattering" means the authorized dispersal of hydrolyzed ~~or~~
99.5 remains, cremated remains, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally reduced remains in a defined
99.6 area of a dedicated cemetery or in areas where no local prohibition exists provided that the
99.7 hydrolyzed ~~or~~, cremated, or naturally reduced remains are not distinguishable to the public,
99.8 are not in a container, and that the person who has control over disposition of the hydrolyzed
99.9 ~~or~~, cremated, or naturally reduced remains has obtained written permission of the property
99.10 owner or governing agency to scatter on the property.

121.11 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
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121.22 to read:

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121.25 plant material. This subdivision is effective July 1, 2025.

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121.29 means a receptacle in which naturally reduced remains are placed. This subdivision is
121.30 effective July 1, 2025.

122.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 35, is amended to read:

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122.3 cooling, and the reduction of the hydrolyzed ~~or~~ remains, cremated remains, or, effective
122.4 July 1, 2025, naturally reduced remains by mechanical means including, but not limited to,
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122.6 disposition.

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122.11 hydrolyzed ~~or~~, cremated, or naturally reduced remains are not distinguishable to the public,
122.12 are not in a container, and that the person who has control over disposition of the hydrolyzed
122.13 ~~or~~, cremated, or naturally reduced remains has obtained written permission of the property
122.14 owner or governing agency to scatter on the property.

99.11 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.03, is amended to read:
99.12 **149A.03 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.**
99.13 The commissioner shall:
99.14 (1) enforce all laws and adopt and enforce rules relating to the:
99.15 (i) removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final disposition
99.16 of dead human bodies;
99.17 (ii) licensure and professional conduct of funeral directors, morticians, interns, practicum
99.18 students, and clinical students;
99.19 (iii) licensing and operation of a funeral establishment;
99.20 (iv) licensing and operation of an alkaline hydrolysis facility; ~~and~~
99.21 (v) licensing and operation of a crematory; and
99.22 (vi) effective July 1, 2025, licensing and operation of a natural organic reduction facility;
99.23 except that the commissioner may not adopt rules relating to the activities under this item;
99.24 (2) provide copies of the requirements for licensure and permits to all applicants;
99.25 (3) administer examinations and issue licenses and permits to qualified persons and other
99.26 legal entities;
99.27 (4) maintain a record of the name and location of all current licensees and interns;
99.28 (5) perform periodic compliance reviews and premise inspections of licensees;
99.29 (6) accept and investigate complaints relating to conduct governed by this chapter;
100.1 (7) maintain a record of all current preneed arrangement trust accounts;
100.2 (8) maintain a schedule of application, examination, permit, and licensure fees, initial
100.3 and renewal, sufficient to cover all necessary operating expenses;
100.4 (9) educate the public about the existence and content of the laws and rules for mortuary
100.5 science licensing and the removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition,
100.6 and final disposition of dead human bodies to enable consumers to file complaints against
100.7 licensees and others who may have violated those laws or rules;
100.8 (10) evaluate the laws, rules, and procedures regulating the practice of mortuary science
100.9 in order to refine the standards for licensing and to improve the regulatory and enforcement
100.10 methods used; and
100.11 (11) initiate proceedings to address and remedy deficiencies and inconsistencies in the
100.12 laws, rules, or procedures governing the practice of mortuary science and the removal,

122.15 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.03, is amended to read:
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122.17 The commissioner shall:
122.18 (1) enforce all laws and adopt and enforce rules relating to the:
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122.20 of dead human bodies;
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122.22 students, and clinical students;
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123.14 laws, rules, or procedures governing the practice of mortuary science and the removal,

100.13 preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final disposition of dead
100.14 human bodies.

100.15 Sec. 39. **[149A.56] LICENSE TO OPERATE A NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION**
100.16 **FACILITY.**

100.17 Subdivision 1. **License requirement.** This section is effective July 1, 2025. Except as
100.18 **provided in section 149A.01, subdivision 3, no person shall maintain, manage, or operate**
100.19 **a place or premises devoted to or used in the holding and natural organic reduction of a**
100.20 **dead human body without possessing a valid license to operate a natural organic reduction**
100.21 **facility issued by the commissioner of health.**

100.22 Subd. 2. **Requirements for natural organic reduction facility.** (a) A natural organic
100.23 **reduction facility licensed under this section must consist of:**

100.24 (1) a building or structure that complies with applicable local and state building codes,
100.25 zoning laws and ordinances, and environmental standards, and that contains one or more
100.26 **natural organic reduction vessels for the natural organic reduction of dead human bodies;**

100.27 (2) a motorized mechanical device for processing **the remains in natural reduction;** and

100.28 (3) **an appropriate refrigerated holding facility for dead human bodies awaiting natural**
100.29 **organic reduction.**

100.30 (b) A natural organic reduction facility licensed under this section may also contain a
100.31 **display room for funeral goods.**

101.1 Subd. 3. **Application procedure; documentation; initial inspection.** (a) An applicant
101.2 **for a license to operate a natural organic reduction facility shall submit a completed**
101.3 **application to the commissioner. A completed application includes:**

101.4 (1) a completed application form, as provided by the commissioner;

101.5 (2) proof of business form and ownership; and

101.6 (3) proof of liability insurance coverage or other financial documentation, as determined
101.7 **by the commissioner, that demonstrates the applicant's ability to respond in damages for**
101.8 **liability arising from the ownership, maintenance, management, or operation of a natural**
101.9 **organic reduction facility.**

101.10 (b) Upon receipt of the application and appropriate fee, the commissioner shall review
101.11 **and verify all information. Upon completion of the verification process and resolution of**
101.12 **any deficiencies in the application information, the commissioner shall conduct an initial**
101.13 **inspection of the premises to be licensed. After the inspection and resolution of any**
101.14 **deficiencies found and any reinspections as may be necessary, the commissioner shall make**
101.15 **a determination, based on all the information available, to grant or deny licensure. If the**
101.16 **commissioner's determination is to grant the license, the applicant shall be notified and the**
101.17 **license shall issue and remain valid for a period prescribed on the license, but not to exceed**

123.15 preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final disposition of dead
123.16 human bodies.

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123.28 **natural organic reduction vessels for the natural organic reduction of dead human bodies;**

123.29 (2) a motorized mechanical device for processing **naturally reduced remains;** and

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124.7 (2) proof of business form and ownership; and

124.8 (3) proof of liability insurance coverage or other financial documentation, as determined
124.9 **by the commissioner, that demonstrates the applicant's ability to respond in damages for**
124.10 **liability arising from the ownership, maintenance, management, or operation of a natural**
124.11 **organic reduction facility.**

124.12 (b) Upon receipt of the application and appropriate fee, the commissioner shall review
124.13 **and verify all information. Upon completion of the verification process and resolution of**
124.14 **any deficiencies in the application information, the commissioner shall conduct an initial**
124.15 **inspection of the premises to be licensed. After the inspection and resolution of any**
124.16 **deficiencies found and any reinspections as may be necessary, the commissioner shall make**
124.17 **a determination, based on all the information available, to grant or deny licensure. If the**
124.18 **commissioner's determination is to grant the license, the applicant shall be notified and the**
124.19 **license shall issue and remain valid for a period prescribed on the license, but not to exceed**

101.18 one calendar year from the date of issuance of the license. If the commissioner's determination
101.19 is to deny the license, the commissioner must notify the applicant, in writing, of the denial
101.20 and provide the specific reason for denial.

101.21 Subd. 4. **Nontransferability of license.** A license to operate a natural organic reduction
101.22 facility is not assignable or transferable and shall not be valid for any entity other than the
101.23 one named. Each license issued to operate a natural organic reduction facility is valid only
101.24 for the location identified on the license. A 50 percent or more change in ownership or
101.25 location of the natural organic reduction facility automatically terminates the license. Separate
101.26 licenses shall be required of two or more persons or other legal entities operating from the
101.27 same location.

101.28 Subd. 5. **Display of license.** Each license to operate a natural organic reduction facility
101.29 must be conspicuously displayed in the natural organic reduction facility at all times.
101.30 "Conspicuous display" means in a location where a member of the general public within
101.31 the natural organic reduction facility is able to observe and read the license.

101.32 Subd. 6. **Period of licensure.** All licenses to operate a natural organic reduction facility
101.33 issued by the commissioner are valid for a period of one calendar year beginning on July 1
101.34 and ending on June 30, regardless of the date of issuance.

102.1 Subd. 7. **Reporting changes in license information.** Any change of license information
102.2 must be reported to the commissioner, on forms provided by the commissioner, no later
102.3 than 30 calendar days after the change occurs. Failure to report changes is grounds for
102.4 disciplinary action.

102.5 Subd. 8. **Licensing information.** Section 13.41 applies to data collected and maintained
102.6 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

102.7 Sec. 40. **[149A.57] RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO OPERATE A NATURAL**
102.8 **ORGANIC REDUCTION FACILITY.**

102.9 Subdivision 1. **Renewal required.** This section is effective July 1, 2025. All licenses
102.10 to operate a natural organic reduction facility issued by the commissioner expire on June
102.11 30 following the date of issuance of the license and must be renewed to remain valid.

102.12 Subd. 2. **Renewal procedure and documentation.** (a) Licensees who wish to renew
102.13 their licenses must submit to the commissioner a completed renewal application no later
102.14 than June 30 following the date the license was issued. A completed renewal application
102.15 includes:

102.16 (1) a completed renewal application form, as provided by the commissioner; and

102.17 (2) proof of liability insurance coverage or other financial documentation, as determined
102.18 by the commissioner, that demonstrates the applicant's ability to respond in damages for
102.19 liability arising from the ownership, maintenance, management, or operation of a natural
102.20 organic reduction facility.

124.20 one calendar year from the date of issuance of the license. If the commissioner's determination
124.21 is to deny the license, the commissioner must notify the applicant, in writing, of the denial
124.22 and provide the specific reason for denial.

124.23 Subd. 4. **Nontransferability of license.** A license to operate a natural organic reduction
124.24 facility is not assignable or transferable and shall not be valid for any entity other than the
124.25 one named. Each license issued to operate a natural organic reduction facility is valid only
124.26 for the location identified on the license. A 50 percent or more change in ownership or
124.27 location of the natural organic reduction facility automatically terminates the license. Separate
124.28 licenses shall be required of two or more persons or other legal entities operating from the
124.29 same location.

124.30 Subd. 5. **Display of license.** Each license to operate a natural organic reduction facility
124.31 must be conspicuously displayed in the natural organic reduction facility at all times.
124.32 Conspicuous display means in a location where a member of the general public within the
124.33 natural organic reduction facility is able to observe and read the license.

125.1 Subd. 6. **Period of licensure.** All licenses to operate a natural organic reduction facility
125.2 issued by the commissioner are valid for a period of one calendar year beginning on July 1
125.3 and ending on June 30, regardless of the date of issuance.

125.4 Subd. 7. **Reporting changes in license information.** Any change of license information
125.5 must be reported to the commissioner, on forms provided by the commissioner, no later
125.6 than 30 calendar days after the change occurs. Failure to report changes is grounds for
125.7 disciplinary action.

125.8 Subd. 8. **Licensing information.** Section 13.41 applies to data collected and maintained
125.9 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

125.10 Sec. 37. **[149A.57] RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO OPERATE A NATURAL**
125.11 **ORGANIC REDUCTION FACILITY.**

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125.13 to operate a natural organic reduction facility issued by the commissioner expire on June
125.14 30 following the date of issuance of the license and must be renewed to remain valid.

125.15 Subd. 2. **Renewal procedure and documentation.** (a) Licensees who wish to renew
125.16 their licenses must submit to the commissioner a completed renewal application no later
125.17 than June 30 following the date the license was issued. A completed renewal application
125.18 includes:

125.19 (1) a completed renewal application form, as provided by the commissioner; and

125.20 (2) proof of liability insurance coverage or other financial documentation, as determined
125.21 by the commissioner, that demonstrates the applicant's ability to respond in damages for
125.22 liability arising from the ownership, maintenance, management, or operation of a natural
125.23 organic reduction facility.

102.21 (b) Upon receipt of the completed renewal application, the commissioner shall review
102.22 and verify the information. Upon completion of the verification process and resolution of
102.23 any deficiencies in the renewal application information, the commissioner shall make a
102.24 determination, based on all the information available, to reissue or refuse to reissue the
102.25 license. If the commissioner's determination is to reissue the license, the applicant shall be
102.26 notified and the license shall issue and remain valid for a period prescribed on the license,
102.27 but not to exceed one calendar year from the date of issuance of the license. If the
102.28 commissioner's determination is to refuse to reissue the license, section 149A.09, subdivision
102.29 2, applies.

102.30 Subd. 3. **Penalty for late filing.** Renewal applications received after the expiration date
102.31 of a license will result in the assessment of a late filing penalty. The late filing penalty must
102.32 be paid before the reissuance of the license and received by the commissioner no later than
102.33 31 calendar days after the expiration date of the license.

103.1 Subd. 4. **Lapse of license.** A license to operate a natural organic reduction facility shall
103.2 automatically lapse when a completed renewal application is not received by the
103.3 commissioner within 31 calendar days after the expiration date of a license, or a late filing
103.4 penalty assessed under subdivision 3 is not received by the commissioner within 31 calendar
103.5 days after the expiration of a license.

103.6 Subd. 5. **Effect of lapse of license.** Upon the lapse of a license, the person to whom the
103.7 license was issued is no longer licensed to operate a natural organic reduction facility in
103.8 Minnesota. The commissioner shall issue a cease and desist order to prevent the lapsed
103.9 license holder from operating a natural organic reduction facility in Minnesota and may
103.10 pursue any additional lawful remedies as justified by the case.

103.11 Subd. 6. **Restoration of lapsed license.** The commissioner may restore a lapsed license
103.12 upon receipt and review of a completed renewal application, receipt of the late filing penalty,
103.13 and reinspection of the premises, provided that the receipt is made within one calendar year
103.14 from the expiration date of the lapsed license and the cease and desist order issued by the
103.15 commissioner has not been violated. If a lapsed license is not restored within one calendar
103.16 year from the expiration date of the lapsed license, the holder of the lapsed license cannot
103.17 be relicensed until the requirements in section 149A.56 are met.

103.18 Subd. 7. **Reporting changes in license information.** Any change of license information
103.19 must be reported to the commissioner, on forms provided by the commissioner, no later
103.20 than 30 calendar days after the change occurs. Failure to report changes is grounds for
103.21 disciplinary action.

103.22 Subd. 8. **Licensing information.** Section 13.41 applies to data collected and maintained
103.23 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

125.24 (b) Upon receipt of the completed renewal application, the commissioner shall review
125.25 and verify the information. Upon completion of the verification process and resolution of
125.26 any deficiencies in the renewal application information, the commissioner shall make a
125.27 determination, based on all the information available, to reissue or refuse to reissue the
125.28 license. If the commissioner's determination is to reissue the license, the applicant shall be
125.29 notified and the license shall issue and remain valid for a period prescribed on the license,
125.30 but not to exceed one calendar year from the date of issuance of the license. If the
125.31 commissioner's determination is to refuse to reissue the license, section 149A.09, subdivision
125.32 2, applies.

126.1 Subd. 3. **Penalty for late filing.** Renewal applications received after the expiration date
126.2 of a license will result in the assessment of a late filing penalty. The late filing penalty must
126.3 be paid before the reissuance of the license and received by the commissioner no later than
126.4 31 calendar days after the expiration date of the license.

126.5 Subd. 4. **Lapse of license.** A license to operate a natural organic reduction facility shall
126.6 automatically lapse when a completed renewal application is not received by the
126.7 commissioner within 31 calendar days after the expiration date of a license, or a late filing
126.8 penalty assessed under subdivision 3 is not received by the commissioner within 31 calendar
126.9 days after the expiration of a license.

126.10 Subd. 5. **Effect of lapse of license.** Upon the lapse of a license, the person to whom the
126.11 license was issued is no longer licensed to operate a natural organic reduction facility in
126.12 Minnesota. The commissioner shall issue a cease and desist order to prevent the lapsed
126.13 license holder from operating a natural organic reduction facility in Minnesota and may
126.14 pursue any additional lawful remedies as justified by the case.

126.15 Subd. 6. **Restoration of lapsed license.** The commissioner may restore a lapsed license
126.16 upon receipt and review of a completed renewal application, receipt of the late filing penalty,
126.17 and reinspection of the premises, provided that the receipt is made within one calendar year
126.18 from the expiration date of the lapsed license and the cease and desist order issued by the
126.19 commissioner has not been violated. If a lapsed license is not restored within one calendar
126.20 year from the expiration date of the lapsed license, the holder of the lapsed license cannot
126.21 be relicensed until the requirements in section 149A.56 are met.

126.22 Subd. 7. **Reporting changes in license information.** Any change of license information
126.23 must be reported to the commissioner, on forms provided by the commissioner, no later
126.24 than 30 calendar days after the change occurs. Failure to report changes is grounds for
126.25 disciplinary action.

126.26 Subd. 8. **Licensing information.** Section 13.41 applies to data collected and maintained
126.27 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

103.24 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.65, is amended by adding a subdivision
103.25 to read:

103.26 Subd. 6a. **Natural organic reduction facilities.** This subdivision is effective July 1,
103.27 2025. The initial and renewal fee for a natural organic reduction facility is \$425. The late
103.28 fee charge for a license renewal is \$100.

103.29 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.30 Subdivision 1. **Use of titles.** Only a person holding a valid license to practice mortuary
103.31 science issued by the commissioner may use the title of mortician, funeral director, or any
103.32 other title implying that the licensee is engaged in the business or practice of mortuary
104.1 science. Only the holder of a valid license to operate an alkaline hydrolysis facility issued
104.2 by the commissioner may use the title of alkaline hydrolysis facility, water cremation,
104.3 water-reduction, biocremation, green-cremation, resomation, dissolution, or any other title,
104.4 word, or term implying that the licensee operates an alkaline hydrolysis facility. Only the
104.5 holder of a valid license to operate a funeral establishment issued by the commissioner may
104.6 use the title of funeral home, funeral chapel, funeral service, or any other title, word, or
104.7 term implying that the licensee is engaged in the business or practice of mortuary science.
104.8 Only the holder of a valid license to operate a crematory issued by the commissioner may
104.9 use the title of crematory, crematorium, green-cremation, or any other title, word, or term
104.10 implying that the licensee operates a crematory or crematorium. Effective July 1, 2025,
104.11 only the holder of a valid license to operate a natural organic reduction facility issued by
104.12 the commissioner may use the title of natural organic reduction facility, human composting,
104.13 or any other title, word, or term implying that the licensee operates a natural organic reduction
104.14 facility.

104.15 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

104.16 Subd. 2. **Business location.** A funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~
104.17 crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility shall not do business
104.18 in a location that is not licensed as a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~
104.19 crematory, or natural organic reduction facility and shall not advertise a service that is
104.20 available from an unlicensed location.

104.21 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

104.22 Subd. 3. **Advertising.** No licensee, clinical student, practicum student, or intern shall
104.23 publish or disseminate false, misleading, or deceptive advertising. False, misleading, or
104.24 deceptive advertising includes, but is not limited to:

104.25 (1) identifying, by using the names or pictures of, persons who are not licensed to practice
104.26 mortuary science in a way that leads the public to believe that those persons will provide
104.27 mortuary science services;

126.28 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.65, is amended by adding a subdivision
126.29 to read:

126.30 Subd. 6a. **Natural organic reduction facilities.** This subdivision is effective July 1,
126.31 2025. The initial and renewal fee for a natural organic reduction facility is \$425. The late
126.32 fee charge for a license renewal is \$100.

127.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

127.2 Subdivision 1. **Use of titles.** Only a person holding a valid license to practice mortuary
127.3 science issued by the commissioner may use the title of mortician, funeral director, or any
127.4 other title implying that the licensee is engaged in the business or practice of mortuary
127.5 science. Only the holder of a valid license to operate an alkaline hydrolysis facility issued
127.6 by the commissioner may use the title of alkaline hydrolysis facility, water cremation,
127.7 water-reduction, biocremation, green-cremation, resomation, dissolution, or any other title,
127.8 word, or term implying that the licensee operates an alkaline hydrolysis facility. Only the
127.9 holder of a valid license to operate a funeral establishment issued by the commissioner may
127.10 use the title of funeral home, funeral chapel, funeral service, or any other title, word, or
127.11 term implying that the licensee is engaged in the business or practice of mortuary science.
127.12 Only the holder of a valid license to operate a crematory issued by the commissioner may
127.13 use the title of crematory, crematorium, green-cremation, or any other title, word, or term
127.14 implying that the licensee operates a crematory or crematorium. Effective July 1, 2025,
127.15 only the holder of a valid license to operate a natural organic reduction facility issued by
127.16 the commissioner may use the title of natural organic reduction facility, human composting,
127.17 or any other title, word, or term implying that the licensee operates a natural organic reduction
127.18 facility.

127.19 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

127.20 Subd. 2. **Business location.** A funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~
127.21 crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility shall not do business
127.22 in a location that is not licensed as a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~
127.23 crematory, or natural organic reduction facility and shall not advertise a service that is
127.24 available from an unlicensed location.

127.25 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

127.26 Subd. 3. **Advertising.** No licensee, clinical student, practicum student, or intern shall
127.27 publish or disseminate false, misleading, or deceptive advertising. False, misleading, or
127.28 deceptive advertising includes, but is not limited to:

127.29 (1) identifying, by using the names or pictures of, persons who are not licensed to practice
127.30 mortuary science in a way that leads the public to believe that those persons will provide
127.31 mortuary science services;

104.28 (2) using any name other than the names under which the funeral establishment, alkaline
104.29 hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility
104.30 is known to or licensed by the commissioner;

104.31 (3) using a surname not directly, actively, or presently associated with a licensed funeral
104.32 establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural
104.33 organic reduction facility, unless the surname had been previously and continuously used
105.1 by the licensed funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or natural
105.2 organic reduction facility; and

105.3 (4) using a founding or establishing date or total years of service not directly or
105.4 continuously related to a name under which the funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis
105.5 facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility is currently
105.6 or was previously licensed.

105.7 Any advertising or other printed material that contains the names or pictures of persons
105.8 affiliated with a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective
105.9 July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility shall state the position held by the persons
105.10 and shall identify each person who is licensed or unlicensed under this chapter.

105.11 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

105.12 Subd. 5. **Reimbursement prohibited.** No licensee, clinical student, practicum student,
105.13 or intern shall offer, solicit, or accept a commission, fee, bonus, rebate, or other
105.14 reimbursement in consideration for recommending or causing a dead human body to be
105.15 disposed of by a specific body donation program, funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis
105.16 facility, crematory, mausoleum, ~~or~~ cemetery, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic
105.17 reduction facility.

105.18 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

105.19 Subd. 2. **Preventive requirements.** (a) To prevent unfair or deceptive acts or practices,
105.20 the requirements of this subdivision must be met. This subdivision applies to natural organic
105.21 reduction and naturally reduced remains, goods, and services effective July 1, 2025.

105.22 (b) Funeral providers must tell persons who ask by telephone about the funeral provider's
105.23 offerings or prices any accurate information from the price lists described in paragraphs (c)
105.24 to (e) and any other readily available information that reasonably answers the questions
105.25 asked.

105.26 (c) Funeral providers must make available for viewing to people who inquire in person
105.27 about the offerings or prices of funeral goods or burial site goods, separate printed or
105.28 typewritten price lists using a ten-point font or larger. Each funeral provider must have a
105.29 separate price list for each of the following types of goods that are sold or offered for sale:

105.30 (1) caskets;

105.31 (2) alternative containers;

128.1 (2) using any name other than the names under which the funeral establishment, alkaline
128.2 hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility
128.3 is known to or licensed by the commissioner;

128.4 (3) using a surname not directly, actively, or presently associated with a licensed funeral
128.5 establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural
128.6 organic reduction facility, unless the surname had been previously and continuously used
128.7 by the licensed funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or natural
128.8 organic reduction facility; and

128.9 (4) using a founding or establishing date or total years of service not directly or
128.10 continuously related to a name under which the funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis
128.11 facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility is currently
128.12 or was previously licensed.

128.13 Any advertising or other printed material that contains the names or pictures of persons
128.14 affiliated with a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective
128.15 July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility shall state the position held by the persons
128.16 and shall identify each person who is licensed or unlicensed under this chapter.

128.17 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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128.19 or intern shall offer, solicit, or accept a commission, fee, bonus, rebate, or other
128.20 reimbursement in consideration for recommending or causing a dead human body to be
128.21 disposed of by a specific body donation program, funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis
128.22 facility, crematory, mausoleum, ~~or~~ cemetery, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic
128.23 reduction facility.

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128.26 the requirements of this subdivision must be met. This subdivision applies to natural organic
128.27 reduction and naturally reduced remains goods and services effective July 1, 2025.

128.28 (b) Funeral providers must tell persons who ask by telephone about the funeral provider's
128.29 offerings or prices any accurate information from the price lists described in paragraphs (c)
128.30 to (e) and any other readily available information that reasonably answers the questions
128.31 asked.

129.1 (c) Funeral providers must make available for viewing to people who inquire in person
129.2 about the offerings or prices of funeral goods or burial site goods, separate printed or
129.3 typewritten price lists using a ten-point font or larger. Each funeral provider must have a
129.4 separate price list for each of the following types of goods that are sold or offered for sale:

129.5 (1) caskets;

129.6 (2) alternative containers;

106.1 (3) outer burial containers;
106.2 (4) alkaline hydrolysis containers;
106.3 (5) cremation containers;
106.4 (6) hydrolyzed remains containers;
106.5 (7) cremated remains containers;
106.6 (8) markers; ~~and~~
106.7 (9) headstones; and
106.8 (10) naturally reduced remains containers.
106.9 (d) Each separate price list must contain the name of the funeral provider's place of
106.10 business, address, and telephone number and a caption describing the list as a price list for
106.11 one of the types of funeral goods or burial site goods described in paragraph (c), clauses
106.12 (1) to ~~(9)~~ (10). The funeral provider must offer the list upon beginning discussion of, but
106.13 in any event before showing, the specific funeral goods or burial site goods and must provide
106.14 a photocopy of the price list, for retention, if so asked by the consumer. The list must contain,
106.15 at least, the retail prices of all the specific funeral goods and burial site goods offered which
106.16 do not require special ordering, enough information to identify each, and the effective date
106.17 for the price list. However, funeral providers are not required to make a specific price list
106.18 available if the funeral providers place the information required by this paragraph on the
106.19 general price list described in paragraph (e).
106.20 (e) Funeral providers must give a printed price list, for retention, to persons who inquire
106.21 in person about the funeral goods, funeral services, burial site goods, or burial site services
106.22 or prices offered by the funeral provider. The funeral provider must give the list upon
106.23 beginning discussion of either the prices of or the overall type of funeral service or disposition
106.24 or specific funeral goods, funeral services, burial site goods, or burial site services offered
106.25 by the provider. This requirement applies whether the discussion takes place in the funeral
106.26 establishment or elsewhere. However, when the deceased is removed for transportation to
106.27 the funeral establishment, an in-person request for authorization to embalm does not, by
106.28 itself, trigger the requirement to offer the general price list. If the provider, in making an
106.29 in-person request for authorization to embalm, discloses that embalming is not required by
106.30 law except in certain special cases, the provider is not required to offer the general price
106.31 list. Any other discussion during that time about prices or the selection of funeral goods,
106.32 funeral services, burial site goods, or burial site services triggers the requirement to give
107.1 the consumer a general price list. The general price list must contain the following
107.2 information:
107.3 (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the funeral provider's place of business;
107.4 (2) a caption describing the list as a "general price list";

129.7 (3) outer burial containers;
129.8 (4) alkaline hydrolysis containers;
129.9 (5) cremation containers;
129.10 (6) hydrolyzed remains containers;
129.11 (7) cremated remains containers;
129.12 (8) markers; ~~and~~
129.13 (9) headstones; and
129.14 (10) naturally reduced remains containers.
129.15 (d) Each separate price list must contain the name of the funeral provider's place of
129.16 business, address, and telephone number and a caption describing the list as a price list for
129.17 one of the types of funeral goods or burial site goods described in paragraph (c), clauses
129.18 (1) to ~~(9)~~ (10). The funeral provider must offer the list upon beginning discussion of, but
129.19 in any event before showing, the specific funeral goods or burial site goods and must provide
129.20 a photocopy of the price list, for retention, if so asked by the consumer. The list must contain,
129.21 at least, the retail prices of all the specific funeral goods and burial site goods offered which
129.22 do not require special ordering, enough information to identify each, and the effective date
129.23 for the price list. However, funeral providers are not required to make a specific price list
129.24 available if the funeral providers place the information required by this paragraph on the
129.25 general price list described in paragraph (e).
129.26 (e) Funeral providers must give a printed price list, for retention, to persons who inquire
129.27 in person about the funeral goods, funeral services, burial site goods, or burial site services
129.28 or prices offered by the funeral provider. The funeral provider must give the list upon
129.29 beginning discussion of either the prices of or the overall type of funeral service or disposition
129.30 or specific funeral goods, funeral services, burial site goods, or burial site services offered
129.31 by the provider. This requirement applies whether the discussion takes place in the funeral
129.32 establishment or elsewhere. However, when the deceased is removed for transportation to
130.1 the funeral establishment, an in-person request for authorization to embalm does not, by
130.2 itself, trigger the requirement to offer the general price list. If the provider, in making an
130.3 in-person request for authorization to embalm, discloses that embalming is not required by
130.4 law except in certain special cases, the provider is not required to offer the general price
130.5 list. Any other discussion during that time about prices or the selection of funeral goods,
130.6 funeral services, burial site goods, or burial site services triggers the requirement to give
130.7 the consumer a general price list. The general price list must contain the following
130.8 information:
130.9 (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the funeral provider's place of business;
130.10 (2) a caption describing the list as a "general price list";

107.5 (3) the effective date for the price list;

107.6 (4) the retail prices, in any order, expressed either as a flat fee or as the prices per hour,

107.7 mile, or other unit of computation, and other information described as follows:

107.8 (i) forwarding of remains to another funeral establishment, together with a list of the

107.9 services provided for any quoted price;

107.10 (ii) receiving remains from another funeral establishment, together with a list of the

107.11 services provided for any quoted price;

107.12 (iii) separate prices for each alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, or cremation

107.13 offered by the funeral provider, with the price including an alternative container or alkaline

107.14 hydrolysis facility or cremation container;; any alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction

107.15 facility, or crematory charges;; and a description of the services and container included in

107.16 the price, where applicable, and the price of alkaline hydrolysis or cremation where the

107.17 purchaser provides the container;

107.18 (iv) separate prices for each immediate burial offered by the funeral provider, including

107.19 a casket or alternative container, and a description of the services and container included

107.20 in that price, and the price of immediate burial where the purchaser provides the casket or

107.21 alternative container;

107.22 (v) transfer of remains to the funeral establishment or other location;

107.23 (vi) embalming;

107.24 (vii) other preparation of the body;

107.25 (viii) use of facilities, equipment, or staff for viewing;

107.26 (ix) use of facilities, equipment, or staff for funeral ceremony;

107.27 (x) use of facilities, equipment, or staff for memorial service;

107.28 (xi) use of equipment or staff for graveside service;

107.29 (xii) hearse or funeral coach;

107.30 (xiii) limousine; and

108.1 (xiv) separate prices for all cemetery-specific goods and services, including all goods

108.2 and services associated with interment and burial site goods and services and excluding

108.3 markers and headstones;

108.4 (5) the price range for the caskets offered by the funeral provider, together with the

108.5 statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral establishment or casket sale

108.6 location." or the prices of individual caskets, as disclosed in the manner described in

108.7 paragraphs (c) and (d);

130.11 (3) the effective date for the price list;

130.12 (4) the retail prices, in any order, expressed either as a flat fee or as the prices per hour,

130.13 mile, or other unit of computation, and other information described as follows:

130.14 (i) forwarding of remains to another funeral establishment, together with a list of the

130.15 services provided for any quoted price;

130.16 (ii) receiving remains from another funeral establishment, together with a list of the

130.17 services provided for any quoted price;

130.18 (iii) separate prices for each alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, or cremation

130.19 offered by the funeral provider, with the price including an alternative container or shroud

130.20 or alkaline hydrolysis facility or cremation container;; any alkaline hydrolysis, natural

130.21 organic reduction facility, or crematory charges;; and a description of the services and

130.22 container included in the price, where applicable, and the price of alkaline hydrolysis or

130.23 cremation where the purchaser provides the container;

130.24 (iv) separate prices for each immediate burial offered by the funeral provider, including

130.25 a casket or alternative container, and a description of the services and container included

130.26 in that price, and the price of immediate burial where the purchaser provides the casket or

130.27 alternative container;

130.28 (v) transfer of remains to the funeral establishment or other location;

130.29 (vi) embalming;

130.30 (vii) other preparation of the body;

130.31 (viii) use of facilities, equipment, or staff for viewing;

130.32 (ix) use of facilities, equipment, or staff for funeral ceremony;

131.1 (x) use of facilities, equipment, or staff for memorial service;

131.2 (xi) use of equipment or staff for graveside service;

131.3 (xii) hearse or funeral coach;

131.4 (xiii) limousine; and

131.5 (xiv) separate prices for all cemetery-specific goods and services, including all goods

131.6 and services associated with interment and burial site goods and services and excluding

131.7 markers and headstones;

131.8 (5) the price range for the caskets offered by the funeral provider, together with the

131.9 statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral establishment or casket sale

131.10 location." or the prices of individual caskets, as disclosed in the manner described in

131.11 paragraphs (c) and (d);

108.8 (6) the price range for the alternative containers or shrouds offered by the funeral provider,
 108.9 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 108.10 establishment or alternative container sale location." or the prices of individual alternative
 108.11 containers, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

108.12 (7) the price range for the outer burial containers offered by the funeral provider, together
 108.13 with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral establishment or
 108.14 outer burial container sale location." or the prices of individual outer burial containers, as
 108.15 disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

108.16 (8) the price range for the alkaline hydrolysis container offered by the funeral provider,
 108.17 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 108.18 establishment or alkaline hydrolysis container sale location." or the prices of individual
 108.19 alkaline hydrolysis containers, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and
 108.20 (d);

108.21 (9) the price range for the hydrolyzed remains container offered by the funeral provider,
 108.22 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 108.23 establishment or hydrolyzed remains container sale location." or the prices of individual
 108.24 hydrolyzed remains container, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and
 108.25 (d);

108.26 (10) the price range for the cremation containers offered by the funeral provider, together
 108.27 with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral establishment or
 108.28 cremation container sale location." or the prices of individual cremation containers, as
 108.29 disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

108.30 (11) the price range for the cremated remains containers offered by the funeral provider,
 108.31 together with the statement, "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 108.32 establishment or cremated remains container sale location," or the prices of individual
 108.33 cremation containers as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

109.1 (12) the price range for the naturally reduced remains containers offered by the funeral
 109.2 provider, together with the statement, "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 109.3 establishment or naturally reduced remains container sale location," or the prices of individual
 109.4 naturally reduced remains containers as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs
 109.5 (c) and (d);

109.6 ~~(12)~~ (13) the price for the basic services of funeral provider and staff, together with a
 109.7 list of the principal basic services provided for any quoted price and, if the charge cannot
 109.8 be declined by the purchaser, the statement "This fee for our basic services will be added
 109.9 to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select. (This fee is already included in our
 109.10 charges for alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, direct cremations, immediate
 109.11 burials, and forwarding or receiving remains.)" If the charge cannot be declined by the
 109.12 purchaser, the quoted price shall include all charges for the recovery of unallocated funeral
 109.13 provider overhead, and funeral providers may include in the required disclosure the phrase

131.12 (6) the price range for the alternative containers or shrouds offered by the funeral provider,
 131.13 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 131.14 establishment or alternative container sale location." or the prices of individual alternative
 131.15 containers, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

131.16 (7) the price range for the outer burial containers offered by the funeral provider, together
 131.17 with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral establishment or
 131.18 outer burial container sale location." or the prices of individual outer burial containers, as
 131.19 disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

131.20 (8) the price range for the alkaline hydrolysis container offered by the funeral provider,
 131.21 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 131.22 establishment or alkaline hydrolysis container sale location." or the prices of individual
 131.23 alkaline hydrolysis containers, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and
 131.24 (d);

131.25 (9) the price range for the hydrolyzed remains container offered by the funeral provider,
 131.26 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 131.27 establishment or hydrolyzed remains container sale location." or the prices of individual
 131.28 hydrolyzed remains container, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and
 131.29 (d);

131.30 (10) the price range for the cremation containers offered by the funeral provider, together
 131.31 with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral establishment or
 131.32 cremation container sale location." or the prices of individual cremation containers, as
 131.33 disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

132.1 (11) the price range for the cremated remains containers offered by the funeral provider,
 132.2 together with the statement, "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 132.3 establishment or cremated remains container sale location," or the prices of individual
 132.4 cremation containers as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d);

132.5 (12) the price range for the naturally reduced remains containers offered by the funeral
 132.6 provider, together with the statement, "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
 132.7 establishment or naturally reduced remains container sale location," or the prices of individual
 132.8 naturally reduced remains containers as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs
 132.9 (c) and (d);

132.10 ~~(12)~~ (13) the price for the basic services of funeral provider and staff, together with a
 132.11 list of the principal basic services provided for any quoted price and, if the charge cannot
 132.12 be declined by the purchaser, the statement "This fee for our basic services will be added
 132.13 to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select. (This fee is already included in our
 132.14 charges for alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, direct cremations, immediate
 132.15 burials, and forwarding or receiving remains.)" If the charge cannot be declined by the
 132.16 purchaser, the quoted price shall include all charges for the recovery of unallocated funeral
 132.17 provider overhead, and funeral providers may include in the required disclosure the phrase

109.14 "and overhead" after the word "services." This services fee is the only funeral provider fee
109.15 for services, facilities, or unallocated overhead permitted by this subdivision to be
109.16 nondeclinable, unless otherwise required by law;

109.17 ~~(13)~~ (14) the price range for the markers and headstones offered by the funeral provider,
109.18 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
109.19 establishment or marker or headstone sale location." or the prices of individual markers and
109.20 headstones, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d); and

109.21 ~~(14)~~ (15) any package priced funerals offered must be listed in addition to and following
109.22 the information required in paragraph (e) and must clearly state the funeral goods and
109.23 services being offered, the price being charged for those goods and services, and the
109.24 discounted savings.

109.25 (f) Funeral providers must give an itemized written statement, for retention, to each
109.26 consumer who arranges an at-need funeral or other disposition of human remains at the
109.27 conclusion of the discussion of the arrangements. The itemized written statement must be
109.28 signed by the consumer selecting the goods and services as required in section 149A.80. If
109.29 the statement is provided by a funeral establishment, the statement must be signed by the
109.30 licensed funeral director or mortician planning the arrangements. If the statement is provided
109.31 by any other funeral provider, the statement must be signed by an authorized agent of the
109.32 funeral provider. The statement must list the funeral goods, funeral services, burial site
109.33 goods, or burial site services selected by that consumer and the prices to be paid for each
109.34 item, specifically itemized cash advance items (these prices must be given to the extent then
109.35 known or reasonably ascertainable if the prices are not known or reasonably ascertainable,
110.1 a good faith estimate shall be given and a written statement of the actual charges shall be
110.2 provided before the final bill is paid), and the total cost of goods and services selected. At
110.3 the conclusion of an at-need arrangement, the funeral provider is required to give the
110.4 consumer a copy of the signed itemized written contract that must contain the information
110.5 required in this paragraph.

110.6 (g) Upon receiving actual notice of the death of an individual with whom a funeral
110.7 provider has entered a preneed funeral agreement, the funeral provider must provide a copy
110.8 of all preneed funeral agreement documents to the person who controls final disposition of
110.9 the human remains or to the designee of the person controlling disposition. The person
110.10 controlling final disposition shall be provided with these documents at the time of the
110.11 person's first in-person contact with the funeral provider, if the first contact occurs in person
110.12 at a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, crematory, natural organic reduction
110.13 facility, or other place of business of the funeral provider. If the contact occurs by other
110.14 means or at another location, the documents must be provided within 24 hours of the first
110.15 contact.

110.16 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

110.17 Subd. 4. **Casket, alternate container, alkaline hydrolysis container, naturally reduced**
110.18 **remains container, and cremation container sales; records; required disclosures.** Any

132.18 "and overhead" after the word "services." This services fee is the only funeral provider fee
132.19 for services, facilities, or unallocated overhead permitted by this subdivision to be
132.20 nondeclinable, unless otherwise required by law;

132.21 ~~(13)~~ (14) the price range for the markers and headstones offered by the funeral provider,
132.22 together with the statement "A complete price list will be provided at the funeral
132.23 establishment or marker or headstone sale location." or the prices of individual markers and
132.24 headstones, as disclosed in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d); and

132.25 ~~(14)~~ (15) any package priced funerals offered must be listed in addition to and following
132.26 the information required in paragraph (e) and must clearly state the funeral goods and
132.27 services being offered, the price being charged for those goods and services, and the
132.28 discounted savings.

132.29 (f) Funeral providers must give an itemized written statement, for retention, to each
132.30 consumer who arranges an at-need funeral or other disposition of human remains at the
132.31 conclusion of the discussion of the arrangements. The itemized written statement must be
132.32 signed by the consumer selecting the goods and services as required in section 149A.80. If
132.33 the statement is provided by a funeral establishment, the statement must be signed by the
132.34 licensed funeral director or mortician planning the arrangements. If the statement is provided
133.1 by any other funeral provider, the statement must be signed by an authorized agent of the
133.2 funeral provider. The statement must list the funeral goods, funeral services, burial site
133.3 goods, or burial site services selected by that consumer and the prices to be paid for each
133.4 item, specifically itemized cash advance items (these prices must be given to the extent then
133.5 known or reasonably ascertainable if the prices are not known or reasonably ascertainable,
133.6 a good faith estimate shall be given and a written statement of the actual charges shall be
133.7 provided before the final bill is paid), and the total cost of goods and services selected. At
133.8 the conclusion of an at-need arrangement, the funeral provider is required to give the
133.9 consumer a copy of the signed itemized written contract that must contain the information
133.10 required in this paragraph.

133.11 (g) Upon receiving actual notice of the death of an individual with whom a funeral
133.12 provider has entered a preneed funeral agreement, the funeral provider must provide a copy
133.13 of all preneed funeral agreement documents to the person who controls final disposition of
133.14 the human remains or to the designee of the person controlling disposition. The person
133.15 controlling final disposition shall be provided with these documents at the time of the
133.16 person's first in-person contact with the funeral provider, if the first contact occurs in person
133.17 at a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, crematory, natural organic reduction
133.18 facility, or other place of business of the funeral provider. If the contact occurs by other
133.19 means or at another location, the documents must be provided within 24 hours of the first
133.20 contact.

133.21 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

133.22 Subd. 4. **Casket, alternate container, alkaline hydrolysis container, naturally reduced**
133.23 **remains container, and cremation container sales; records; required disclosures.** Any

110.19 funeral provider who sells or offers to sell a casket, alternate container, alkaline hydrolysis
 110.20 container, hydrolyzed remains container, cremation container, ~~or~~ cremated remains container,
 110.21 or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally reduced remains container to the public must maintain
 110.22 a record of each sale that includes the name of the purchaser, the purchaser's mailing address,
 110.23 the name of the decedent, the date of the decedent's death, and the place of death. These
 110.24 records shall be open to inspection by the regulatory agency. Any funeral provider selling
 110.25 a casket, alternate container, or cremation container to the public, and not having charge of
 110.26 the final disposition of the dead human body, shall provide a copy of the statutes and rules
 110.27 controlling the removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final
 110.28 disposition of a dead human body. This subdivision does not apply to morticians, funeral
 110.29 directors, funeral establishments, crematories, or wholesale distributors of caskets, alternate
 110.30 containers, alkaline hydrolysis containers, or cremation containers.

110.31 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.72, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

110.32 Subd. 3. **Casket for alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, or cremation**
 110.33 **provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or
 111.1 funeral services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice for a funeral provider to
 111.2 represent that a casket is required for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~ cremations, or, effective July
 111.3 1, 2025, natural organic reduction by state or local law or otherwise.

111.4 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.72, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

111.5 Subd. 9. **Deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods, funeral
 111.6 services, burial site goods, or burial site services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice
 111.7 for a funeral provider to represent that federal, state, or local laws, or particular cemeteries,
 111.8 alkaline hydrolysis facilities, ~~or~~ crematories, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic
 111.9 reduction facilities require the purchase of any funeral goods, funeral services, burial site
 111.10 goods, or burial site services when that is not the case.

111.11 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.73, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

111.12 Subdivision 1. **Casket for alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, or cremation**
 111.13 **provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods, funeral
 111.14 services, burial site goods, or burial site services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice
 111.15 for a funeral provider to require that a casket be purchased for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~,
 111.16 cremation, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction.

111.17 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

111.18 Subdivision 1. **Services provided without prior approval; deceptive acts or**
 111.19 **practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or funeral services to the public, it is
 111.20 a deceptive act or practice for any funeral provider to embalm a dead human body unless
 111.21 state or local law or regulation requires embalming in the particular circumstances regardless
 111.22 of any funeral choice which might be made, or prior approval for embalming has been
 111.23 obtained from an individual legally authorized to make such a decision. In seeking approval
 111.24 to embalm, the funeral provider must disclose that embalming is not required by law except

133.24 funeral provider who sells or offers to sell a casket, alternate container, alkaline hydrolysis
 133.25 container, hydrolyzed remains container, cremation container, ~~or~~ cremated remains container,
 133.26 or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally reduced remains container to the public must maintain
 133.27 a record of each sale that includes the name of the purchaser, the purchaser's mailing address,
 133.28 the name of the decedent, the date of the decedent's death, and the place of death. These
 133.29 records shall be open to inspection by the regulatory agency. Any funeral provider selling
 133.30 a casket, alternate container, or cremation container to the public, and not having charge of
 133.31 the final disposition of the dead human body, shall provide a copy of the statutes and rules
 133.32 controlling the removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final
 133.33 disposition of a dead human body. This subdivision does not apply to morticians, funeral
 133.34 directors, funeral establishments, crematories, or wholesale distributors of caskets, alternate
 133.35 containers, alkaline hydrolysis containers, or cremation containers.

134.1 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.72, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

134.2 Subd. 3. **Casket for alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, or cremation**
 134.3 **provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or
 134.4 funeral services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice for a funeral provider to
 134.5 represent that a casket is required for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~ cremations, or, effective July
 134.6 1, 2025, natural organic reduction by state or local law or otherwise.

134.7 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.72, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

134.8 Subd. 9. **Deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods, funeral
 134.9 services, burial site goods, or burial site services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice
 134.10 for a funeral provider to represent that federal, state, or local laws, or particular cemeteries,
 134.11 alkaline hydrolysis facilities, ~~or~~ crematories, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic
 134.12 reduction facilities require the purchase of any funeral goods, funeral services, burial site
 134.13 goods, or burial site services when that is not the case.

134.14 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.73, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

134.15 Subdivision 1. **Casket for alkaline hydrolysis, natural organic reduction, or cremation**
 134.16 **provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods, funeral
 134.17 services, burial site goods, or burial site services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice
 134.18 for a funeral provider to require that a casket be purchased for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~,
 134.19 cremation, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction.

134.20 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

134.21 Subdivision 1. **Services provided without prior approval; deceptive acts or**
 134.22 **practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or funeral services to the public, it is
 134.23 a deceptive act or practice for any funeral provider to embalm a dead human body unless
 134.24 state or local law or regulation requires embalming in the particular circumstances regardless
 134.25 of any funeral choice which might be made, or prior approval for embalming has been
 134.26 obtained from an individual legally authorized to make such a decision. In seeking approval
 134.27 to embalm, the funeral provider must disclose that embalming is not required by law except

111.25 in certain circumstances; that a fee will be charged if a funeral is selected which requires
111.26 embalming, such as a funeral with viewing; and that no embalming fee will be charged if
111.27 the family selects a service which does not require embalming, such as direct alkaline
111.28 hydrolysis, direct cremation, ~~or~~ immediate burial, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic
111.29 reduction.

112.1 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.93, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

112.2 Subd. 3. **Disposition permit.** A disposition permit is required before a body can be
112.3 buried, entombed, alkaline hydrolyzed, ~~or~~ cremated, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally
112.4 reduced. No disposition permit shall be issued until a fact of death record has been completed
112.5 and filed with the state registrar of vital records.

112.6 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.94, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

112.7 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** Every dead human body lying within the state, except
112.8 unclaimed bodies delivered for dissection by the medical examiner, those delivered for
112.9 anatomical study pursuant to section 149A.81, subdivision 2, or lawfully carried through
112.10 the state for the purpose of disposition elsewhere; and the remains of any dead human body
112.11 after dissection or anatomical study, shall be decently buried or entombed in a public or
112.12 private cemetery, alkaline hydrolyzed, ~~or~~ cremated, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally
112.13 reduced within a reasonable time after death. Where final disposition of a body will not be
112.14 accomplished, or, effective July 1, 2025, when natural organic reduction will not be initiated,
112.15 within 72 hours following death or release of the body by a competent authority with
112.16 jurisdiction over the body, the body must be properly embalmed, refrigerated, or packed
112.17 with dry ice. A body may not be kept in refrigeration for a period exceeding six calendar
112.18 days, or packed in dry ice for a period that exceeds four calendar days, from the time of
112.19 death or release of the body from the coroner or medical examiner.

112.20 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.94, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

112.21 Subd. 3. **Permit required.** No dead human body shall be buried, entombed, ~~or~~ cremated,
112.22 alkaline hydrolyzed, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally reduced without a disposition
112.23 permit. The disposition permit must be filed with the person in charge of the place of final
112.24 disposition. Where a dead human body will be transported out of this state for final
112.25 disposition, the body must be accompanied by a certificate of removal.

112.26 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.94, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

112.27 Subd. 4. **Alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~, cremation, or natural organic reduction.** Inurnment
112.28 of alkaline hydrolyzed ~~or~~ remains, cremated remains, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally
112.29 reduced remains and release to an appropriate party is considered final disposition and no
112.30 further permits or authorizations are required for transportation, interment, entombment, or
112.31 placement of the ~~cremated~~ remains, except as provided in section 149A.95, subdivision 16.

134.28 in certain circumstances; that a fee will be charged if a funeral is selected which requires
134.29 embalming, such as a funeral with viewing; and that no embalming fee will be charged if
134.30 the family selects a service which does not require embalming, such as direct alkaline
134.31 hydrolysis, direct cremation, ~~or~~ immediate burial, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic
134.32 reduction.

135.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.93, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

135.2 Subd. 3. **Disposition permit.** A disposition permit is required before a body can be
135.3 buried, entombed, alkaline hydrolyzed, ~~or~~ cremated, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally
135.4 reduced. No disposition permit shall be issued until a fact of death record has been completed
135.5 and filed with the state registrar of vital records.

135.6 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.94, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

135.7 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** Every dead human body lying within the state, except
135.8 unclaimed bodies delivered for dissection by the medical examiner, those delivered for
135.9 anatomical study pursuant to section 149A.81, subdivision 2, or lawfully carried through
135.10 the state for the purpose of disposition elsewhere; and the remains of any dead human body
135.11 after dissection or anatomical study, shall be decently buried or entombed in a public or
135.12 private cemetery, alkaline hydrolyzed, ~~or~~ cremated, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally
135.13 reduced within a reasonable time after death. Where final disposition of a body will not be
135.14 accomplished, or, effective July 1, 2025, when natural organic reduction will not be initiated,
135.15 within 72 hours following death or release of the body by a competent authority with
135.16 jurisdiction over the body, the body must be properly embalmed, refrigerated, or packed
135.17 with dry ice. A body may not be kept in refrigeration for a period exceeding six calendar
135.18 days, or packed in dry ice for a period that exceeds four calendar days, from the time of
135.19 death or release of the body from the coroner or medical examiner.

135.20 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.94, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

135.21 Subd. 3. **Permit required.** No dead human body shall be buried, entombed, ~~or~~ cremated,
135.22 alkaline hydrolyzed, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally reduced without a disposition
135.23 permit. The disposition permit must be filed with the person in charge of the place of final
135.24 disposition. Where a dead human body will be transported out of this state for final
135.25 disposition, the body must be accompanied by a certificate of removal.

135.26 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.94, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

135.27 Subd. 4. **Alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~, cremation, or natural organic reduction.** Inurnment
135.28 of alkaline hydrolyzed ~~or~~ remains, cremated remains, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally
135.29 reduced remains and release to an appropriate party is considered final disposition and no
135.30 further permits or authorizations are required for transportation, interment, entombment, or
135.31 placement of the ~~cremated~~ remains, except as provided in section 149A.95, subdivision 16.

113.1 Sec. 56. [149A.955] NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION FACILITIES AND
113.2 NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION.

113.3 Subdivision 1. **License required.** This section is effective July 1, 2025. A dead human
113.4 body may only undergo natural organic reduction in this state at a natural organic reduction
113.5 facility licensed by the commissioner of health.

113.6 Subd. 2. **General requirements.** Any building to be used as a natural organic reduction
113.7 facility must comply with all applicable local and state building codes, zoning laws and
113.8 ordinances, and environmental standards. A natural organic reduction facility must have on
113.9 site a natural organic reduction system approved by the commissioner and a motorized
113.10 mechanical device for processing the remains in natural reduction and must have in the
113.11 building a refrigerated holding facility for the retention of dead human bodies awaiting
113.12 natural organic reduction. The holding facility must be secure from access by anyone except
113.13 the authorized personnel of the natural organic reduction facility, preserve the dignity of
113.14 the remains, and protect the health and safety of the natural organic reduction facility
113.15 personnel.

113.16 Subd. 3. **Aerobic reduction vessel.** A natural organic reduction facility must use as a
113.17 natural organic reduction vessel a contained reduction vessel that is designed to promote
113.18 aerobic reduction and that minimizes odors.

113.19 Subd. 4. **Any room where body is prepared.** Any room where the deceased will be
113.20 prepared for natural organic reduction must be properly lit and ventilated with an exhaust
113.21 fan. It must be equipped with a functional sink with hot and cold running water. It must
113.22 have nonporous flooring, such that a sanitary condition is provided. The walls and ceiling
113.23 of the room must run from floor to ceiling and be covered with tile, or by plaster or sheetrock
113.24 painted with washable paint or other appropriate material, such that a sanitary condition is
113.25 provided. The doors, walls, ceiling, and windows must be constructed to prevent odors from
113.26 entering any other part of the building.

113.27 Subd. 5. **Access and privacy.** (a) The room where a licensed mortician prepares a body
113.28 must be private and must not have a general passageway through it. All windows or other
113.29 openings to the outside must be treated in a manner that prevents viewing into the room
113.30 where the deceased will be prepared for natural organic reduction. A viewing window for
113.31 authorized family members or their designees is not a violation of this subdivision.

113.32 (b) The room must, at all times, be secure from the entrance of unauthorized persons.

113.33 (c) For purposes of this section, "authorized persons" are:

114.1 (1) licensed morticians;

114.2 (2) registered interns or students as described in section 149A.91, subdivision 6;

114.3 (3) public officials or representatives in the discharge of their official duties;

136.1 Sec. 53. [149A.955] NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION FACILITIES AND
136.2 NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION.

136.3 Subdivision 1. **License required.** This section is effective July 1, 2025. A dead human
136.4 body may only undergo natural organic reduction in this state at a natural organic reduction
136.5 facility licensed by the commissioner of health.

136.6 Subd. 2. **General requirements.** Any building to be used as a natural organic reduction
136.7 facility must comply with all applicable local and state building codes, zoning laws and
136.8 ordinances, and environmental standards. A natural organic reduction facility must have,
136.9 on site, a natural organic reduction system approved by the commissioner and a motorized
136.10 mechanical device for processing naturally reduced remains and must have, in the building,
136.11 a refrigerated holding facility for the retention of dead human bodies awaiting natural organic
136.12 reduction. The holding facility must be secure from access by anyone except the authorized
136.13 personnel of the natural organic reduction facility, preserve the dignity of the remains, and
136.14 protect the health and safety of the natural organic reduction facility personnel.

136.15 Subd. 3. **Aerobic reduction vessel.** A natural organic reduction facility must use as a
136.16 natural organic reduction vessel, a contained reduction vessel that is designed to promote
136.17 aerobic reduction and that minimizes odors.

114.4 (4) trained natural organic reduction facility operators; and

114.5 (5) the person or persons with the right to control the dead human body as defined in

114.6 section 149A.80, subdivision 2, and their designees.

114.7 (d) Each door allowing ingress or egress must carry a sign that indicates that the room

114.8 is private and access is limited. All authorized persons who are present in or enter the room

114.9 while a body is being prepared for final disposition must be attired according to all applicable

114.10 state and federal regulations regarding the control of infectious disease and occupational

114.11 and workplace health and safety.

114.12 Subd. 6. **Areas for vessels or naturally organic reduction operations.** Any rooms or

114.13 areas where the vessels reside or where any operation takes place involving the handling

114.14 of the vessels or the remains must be ventilated with exhaust fans. The doors, walls, ceiling,

114.15 and windows shall be constructed to prevent odors from entering any other part of the

114.16 building. All windows must be treated in a manner that maintains privacy when the remains

114.17 are handled. A sanitary condition must be provided. Any area where human remains are

114.18 transferred, prepared, or processed must have nonpourous flooring, and the walls and ceiling

114.19 of the rooms must run from floor to ceiling and be covered with tile, or by plaster, sheetrock,

114.20 or concrete painted with washable paint or other appropriate material, such that a sanitary

114.21 condition is provided. Access to the vessel holding area must only be granted to individuals

114.22 outlined in subdivision 5 and to authorized visitors at the discretion of the licensed facility

114.23 under the direct supervision of trained facility staff, provided that such access does not

114.24 violate subdivision 18.

114.25 Subd. 7. **Equipment and supplies.** The natural organic reduction facility must have a

114.26 functional emergency eye wash and quick drench shower.

114.27 Subd. 8. **Sanitary conditions and permitted use.** The room where the deceased will

114.28 be prepared for natural organic reduction, the area where the natural organic reduction

114.29 vessels are located or where the natural organic reduction operations are undertaken, and

114.30 all fixtures, equipment, instruments, receptacles, clothing, and other appliances or supplies

114.31 stored or used in these operations must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at

114.32 all times.

115.1 Subd. 9. **Occupational and workplace safety.** All applicable provisions of state and

115.2 federal regulations regarding exposure to workplace hazards and accidents must be followed

115.3 to protect the health and safety of all authorized persons at the natural organic reduction

115.4 facility.

115.5 Subd. 10. **Unlicensed personnel.** A licensed natural organic reduction facility may

115.6 employ unlicensed personnel, provided that all applicable provisions of this chapter are

115.7 followed. It is the duty of the licensed natural organic reduction facility to provide proper

115.8 training for all unlicensed personnel, and the licensed natural organic reduction facility shall

136.18 Subd. 4. **Unlicensed personnel.** A licensed natural organic reduction facility may employ

136.19 unlicensed personnel, provided that all applicable provisions of this chapter are followed.

136.20 It is the duty of the licensed natural organic reduction facility to provide proper training for

136.21 all unlicensed personnel, and the licensed natural organic reduction facility shall be strictly

115.9 be strictly accountable for compliance with this chapter and other applicable state and federal
115.10 regulations regarding occupational and workplace health and safety.

115.11 Subd. 11. **Authorization to naturally reduce.** No natural organic reduction facility
115.12 shall naturally reduce or cause to be naturally reduced any dead human body or identifiable
115.13 body part without receiving written authorization to do so from the person or persons who
115.14 have the legal right to control disposition as described in section 149A.80 or the person's
115.15 legal designee. The written authorization must include:

115.16 (1) the name of the deceased and the date of death of the deceased;

115.17 (2) a statement authorizing the natural organic reduction facility to naturally reduce the
115.18 body;

115.19 (3) the name, address, phone number, relationship to the deceased, and signature of the
115.20 person or persons with the legal right to control final disposition or a legal designee;

115.21 (4) directions for the disposition of any non-naturally reduced materials or items recovered
115.22 from the natural organic reduction vessel;

115.23 (5) acknowledgment that some of the remains will be mechanically reduced to a
115.24 granulated appearance and returned to the natural reduction vessel with the remains for final
115.25 reduction; and

115.26 (6) directions for the ultimate disposition of the naturally reduced remains.

115.27 Subd. 12. **Limitation of liability.** The limitations in section 149A.95, subdivision 5,
115.28 apply to natural organic reduction facilities.

115.29 Subd. 13. **Acceptance of delivery of body.** (a) No dead human body shall be accepted
115.30 for final disposition by natural organic reduction unless the body is:

115.31 (1) wrapped in a container, such as a pouch, that is impermeable or leak-resistant;

116.1 (2) accompanied by a disposition permit issued pursuant to section 149A.93, subdivision
116.2 3, including a photocopy of the complete death record or a signed release authorizing natural
116.3 organic reduction received from a coroner or medical examiner; and

116.4 (3) accompanied by a natural organic reduction authorization that complies with
116.5 subdivision 5.

116.6 (b) A natural organic reduction facility shall refuse to accept delivery of the dead human
116.7 body;

116.8 (1) where there is a known dispute concerning natural organic reduction of the body
116.9 delivered;

136.22 accountable for compliance with this chapter and other applicable state and federal regulations
136.23 regarding occupational and workplace health and safety.

136.24 Subd. 5. **Authorization to naturally reduce.** No natural organic reduction facility shall
136.25 naturally reduce or cause to be naturally reduced any dead human body or identifiable body
136.26 part without receiving written authorization to do so from the person or persons who have
136.27 the legal right to control disposition as described in section 149A.80 or the person's legal
136.28 designee. The written authorization must include:

136.29 (1) the name of the deceased and the date of death of the deceased;

136.30 (2) a statement authorizing the natural organic reduction facility to naturally reduce the
136.31 body;

136.32 (3) the name, address, phone number, relationship to the deceased, and signature of the
136.33 person or persons with the legal right to control final disposition or a legal designee;

137.1 (4) directions for the disposition of any non-naturally reduced materials or items recovered
137.2 from the natural organic reduction vessel;

137.3 (5) acknowledgment that some of the naturally reduced remains will be mechanically
137.4 reduced to a granulated appearance and included in the appropriate containers with the
137.5 naturally reduced remains; and

137.6 (6) directions for the ultimate disposition of the naturally reduced remains.

137.7 Subd. 6. **Limitation of liability.** The limitations in section 149A.95, subdivision 5, apply
137.8 to natural organic reduction facilities.

137.9 Subd. 7. **Acceptance of delivery of body.** (a) No dead human body shall be accepted
137.10 for final disposition by natural organic reduction unless:

137.11 (1) a licensed mortician is present;

137.12 (2) the body is wrapped in a container, such as a pouch or shroud, that is impermeable
137.13 or leak-resistant;

137.14 (3) the body is accompanied by a disposition permit issued pursuant to section 149A.93,
137.15 subdivision 3, including a photocopy of the complete death record or a signed release
137.16 authorizing natural organic reduction received from a coroner or medical examiner; and

137.17 (4) the body is accompanied by a natural organic reduction authorization that complies
137.18 with subdivision 5.

137.19 (b) A natural organic reduction facility shall refuse to accept delivery of the dead human
137.20 body;

137.21 (1) where there is a known dispute concerning natural organic reduction of the body
137.22 delivered;

116.10 (2) where there is a reasonable basis for questioning any of the representations made on
116.11 the written authorization to naturally reduce; or

116.12 (3) for any other lawful reason.

116.13 (c) When a container or pouch containing a dead human body shows evidence of leaking
116.14 bodily fluid, the container or pouch and the body must be returned to the contracting funeral
116.15 establishment, or the body must be transferred to a new container or pouch by a licensed
116.16 mortician.

116.17 (d) If a dead human body is delivered to a natural organic reduction facility in a container
116.18 or pouch that is not suitable for placement in a natural organic reduction vessel, the transfer
116.19 of the body to the vessel must be performed by a licensed mortician.

116.20 Subd. 14. **Bodies awaiting natural organic reduction.** A dead human body must be
116.21 placed in the natural organic reduction vessel to initiate the natural reduction process within
116.22 24 hours after the natural organic reduction facility accepts legal and physical custody of
116.23 the body.

116.24 Subd. 15. **Handling of dead human bodies.** All natural organic reduction facility
116.25 employees handling the containers or pouches for dead human bodies shall use universal
116.26 precautions and otherwise exercise all reasonable precautions to minimize the risk of
116.27 transmitting any communicable disease from the body. No dead human body shall be
116.28 removed from the container or pouch in which it is delivered to the natural organic reduction
116.29 facility without express written authorization of the person or persons with legal right to
116.30 control the disposition and only by a licensed mortician. The remains shall be considered
116.31 a dead human body until after the final reduction. The person or persons with the legal right
116.32 to control the body may be involved with preparation of the body pursuant to section
116.33 149A.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

117.1 Subd. 16. **Identification of the body.** All licensed natural organic reduction facilities
117.2 shall develop, implement, and maintain an identification procedure whereby dead human
117.3 bodies can be identified from the time the natural organic reduction facility accepts delivery
117.4 of the body until the naturally reduced remains are released to an authorized party. After
117.5 natural organic reduction, an identifying disk, tab, or other permanent label shall be placed
117.6 within the naturally reduced remains container or containers before the remains are released
117.7 from the natural organic reduction facility. Each identification disk, tab, or label shall have
117.8 a number that shall be recorded on all paperwork regarding the decedent. This procedure
117.9 shall be designed to reasonably ensure that the proper body is naturally reduced and that
117.10 the remains are returned to the appropriate party. Loss of all or part of the remains or the
117.11 inability to individually identify the remains is a violation of this subdivision.

117.12 Subd. 17. **Natural organic reduction vessel for human remains.** A licensed natural
117.13 organic reduction facility shall knowingly naturally reduce only dead human bodies or
117.14 human remains in a natural organic reduction vessel.

137.23 (2) where there is a reasonable basis for questioning any of the representations made on
137.24 the written authorization to naturally reduce; or

137.25 (3) for any other lawful reason.

137.26 (c) When a container, pouch, or shroud containing a dead human body shows evidence
137.27 of leaking bodily fluid, the container, pouch, or shroud and the body must be returned to
137.28 the contracting funeral establishment, or the body must be transferred to a new container,
137.29 pouch, or shroud by a licensed mortician.

138.1 (d) If a dead human body is delivered to a natural organic reduction facility in a container,
138.2 pouch, or shroud that is not suitable for placement in a natural organic reduction vessel, the
138.3 transfer of the body to the vessel must be performed by a licensed mortician.

138.4 Subd. 8. **Bodies awaiting natural organic reduction.** A dead human body must be
138.5 placed in the natural organic reduction vessel to initiate the natural reduction process within
138.6 24 hours after the natural organic reduction facility accepts legal and physical custody of
138.7 the body.

138.8 Subd. 9. **Handling of dead human bodies.** All natural organic reduction facility
138.9 employees handling the containers, pouches, or shrouds for dead human bodies shall use
138.10 universal precautions and otherwise exercise all reasonable precautions to minimize the
138.11 risk of transmitting any communicable disease from the body. No dead human body shall
138.12 be removed from the container, pouch, or shroud in which it is delivered to the natural
138.13 organic reduction facility without express written authorization of the person or persons
138.14 with legal right to control the disposition and only by a licensed mortician. The remains
138.15 shall be considered a dead human body until after the processing and curing of the remains
138.16 are completed.

138.17 Subd. 10. **Identification of the body.** All licensed natural organic reduction facilities
138.18 shall develop, implement, and maintain an identification procedure whereby dead human
138.19 bodies can be identified from the time the natural organic reduction facility accepts delivery
138.20 of the body until the naturally reduced remains are released to an authorized party. After
138.21 natural organic reduction, an identifying disk, tab, or other permanent label shall be placed
138.22 within the naturally reduced remains container or containers before the remains are released
138.23 from the natural organic reduction facility. Each identification disk, tab, or label shall have
138.24 a number that shall be recorded on all paperwork regarding the decedent. This procedure
138.25 shall be designed to reasonably ensure that the proper body is naturally reduced and that
138.26 the remains are returned to the appropriate party. Loss of all or part of the remains or the
138.27 inability to individually identify the remains is a violation of this subdivision.

138.28 Subd. 11. **Natural organic reduction vessel for human remains.** A licensed natural
138.29 organic reduction facility shall knowingly naturally reduce only dead human bodies or
138.30 human remains in a natural organic reduction vessel.

117.15 Subd. 18. **Natural organic reduction procedures; privacy.** The final disposition of
 117.16 dead human bodies by natural organic reduction shall be done in privacy. Unless there is
 117.17 written authorization from the person with the legal right to control the final disposition,
 117.18 only authorized natural organic reduction facility personnel shall be permitted in the natural
 117.19 organic reduction area while any human body is awaiting placement or being placed in a
 117.20 natural organic reduction vessel, being removed from the vessel, or being processed for
 117.21 placement for final reduction. This does not prohibit an in-person laying-in ceremony to
 117.22 honor the deceased and the transition prior to the placement.

117.23 Subd. 19. **Natural organic reduction procedures; commingling of bodies**
 117.24 **prohibited.** Except with the express written permission of the person with the legal right
 117.25 to control the final disposition, no natural organic reduction facility shall naturally reduce
 117.26 more than one dead human body at the same time and in the same natural organic reduction
 117.27 vessel or introduce a second dead human body into same natural organic reduction vessel
 117.28 until reasonable efforts have been employed to remove all fragments of remains from the
 117.29 preceding natural organic reduction. This subdivision does not apply where commingling
 117.30 of human remains during natural organic reduction is otherwise provided by law. The fact
 117.31 that there is incidental and unavoidable residue in the natural organic reduction vessel used
 117.32 in a prior natural organic reduction is not a violation of this subdivision.

117.33 Subd. 20. **Natural organic reduction procedures; removal from natural organic**
 117.34 **reduction vessel.** Upon completion of the natural organic reduction process, reasonable
 117.35 efforts shall be made to remove from the natural organic reduction vessel all the recoverable
 118.1 remains. The remains shall be transported to the processing area, and any non-naturally
 118.2 reducible materials or items shall be separated from the remains and disposed of, in any
 118.3 lawful manner, by the natural organic reduction facility.

118.4 Subd. 21. **Natural organic reduction procedures; processing remains.** The remains
 118.5 that remain intact shall be reduced by a motorized mechanical processor to a granulated
 118.6 appearance. The granulated remains and the rest of the naturally reduced remains shall be
 118.7 returned to a natural organic reduction vessel for final reduction. The remains shall be
 118.8 considered a dead human body until after the final reduction.

118.9 Subd. 22. **Natural organic reduction procedures; commingling of remains**
 118.10 **prohibited.** Except with the express written permission of the person with the legal right
 118.11 to control the final deposition or otherwise provided by law, no natural organic reduction
 118.12 facility shall mechanically process the remains of more than one body at a time in the same
 118.13 mechanical processor or introduce the remains of a second body into a mechanical processor
 118.14 until reasonable efforts have been employed to remove all fragments of remains already in
 118.15 the processor. The fact that there is incidental and unavoidable residue in the mechanical
 118.16 processor is not a violation of this subdivision.

138.31 Subd. 12. **Natural organic reduction procedures; privacy.** The final disposition of
 138.32 dead human bodies by natural organic reduction shall be done in privacy. Unless there is
 138.33 written authorization from the person with the legal right to control the final disposition,
 138.34 only authorized natural organic reduction facility personnel shall be permitted in the natural
 139.1 organic reduction area while any human body is awaiting placement in a natural organic
 139.2 reduction vessel, being removed from the vessel, or being processed for placement in a
 139.3 naturally reduced remains container. This does not prohibit an in-person laying-in ceremony
 139.4 to honor the deceased and the transition prior to the placement.

139.5 Subd. 13. **Natural organic reduction procedures; commingling of bodies**
 139.6 **prohibited.** Except with the express written permission of the person with the legal right
 139.7 to control the final disposition, no natural organic reduction facility shall naturally reduce
 139.8 more than one dead human body at the same time and in the same natural organic reduction
 139.9 vessel or introduce a second dead human body into same natural organic reduction vessel
 139.10 until reasonable efforts have been employed to remove all fragments of remains from the
 139.11 preceding natural organic reduction. This subdivision does not apply where commingling
 139.12 of human remains during natural organic reduction is otherwise provided by law. The fact
 139.13 that there is incidental and unavoidable residue in the natural organic reduction vessel used
 139.14 in a prior natural organic reduction is not a violation of this subdivision.

139.15 Subd. 14. **Natural organic reduction procedures; removal from natural organic**
 139.16 **reduction vessel.** Upon completion of the natural organic reduction process, reasonable
 139.17 efforts shall be made to remove from the natural organic reduction vessel all the recoverable
 139.18 naturally reduced remains. The naturally reduced remains shall be transported to the
 139.19 processing area, and any non-naturally reducible materials or items shall be separated from
 139.20 the naturally reduced remains and disposed of, in any lawful manner, by the natural organic
 139.21 reduction facility.

139.22 Subd. 15. **Natural organic reduction procedures; processing naturally reduced**
 139.23 **remains.** The remaining intact naturally reduced remains shall be reduced by a motorized
 139.24 mechanical processor to a granulated appearance. The granulated remains and the rest of
 139.25 the naturally reduced remains shall be returned to a natural organic reduction vessel for
 139.26 final reduction.

139.27 Subd. 16. **Natural organic reduction procedures; commingling of naturally reduced**
 139.28 **remains prohibited.** Except with the express written permission of the person with the
 139.29 legal right to control the final deposition or as otherwise provided by law, no natural organic
 139.30 reduction facility shall mechanically process the naturally reduced remains of more than
 139.31 one body at a time in the same mechanical processor, or introduce the naturally reduced
 139.32 remains of a second body into a mechanical processor until reasonable efforts have been
 139.33 employed to remove all fragments of naturally reduced remains already in the processor.
 139.34 The presence of incidental and unavoidable residue in the mechanical processor does not
 139.35 violate this subdivision.

118.17 Subd. 23. Natural organic reduction procedures; testing naturally reduced
118.18 remains. The natural organic reduction facility is responsible for:

118.19 (1) ensuring that the materials in the natural organic reduction vessel naturally reach
118.20 and maintain a minimum temperature of 131 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of 72
118.21 consecutive hours during the process of natural organic reduction;

118.22 (2) analyzing each instance of the naturally reduced remains for physical contaminants
118.23 that include but are not limited to intact bone, dental fillings, and medical implants. Naturally
118.24 reduced remains must have less than 0.01 mg/kg dry weight of any physical contaminants;

118.25 (3) collecting material samples for analysis that are representative of each instance of
118.26 natural organic reduction using a sampling method, such as those described in the U.S.
118.27 Composting Council 2002 Test Methods for the Examination of Composting and Compost,
118.28 Method 02.01-A through E;

118.29 (4) developing and using a natural organic reduction process in which the naturally
118.30 reduced remains from the process does not exceed the following limits:

118.31 (i) for fecal coliform, less than 1,000 most probable number per gram of total solids (dry
118.32 weight);

119.1 (ii) for salmonella, less than three most probable number per four grams of total solids
119.2 (dry weight);

119.3 (iii) for arsenic, less than or equal to 11 ppm;

119.4 (iv) for cadmium, less than or equal to 7.1 ppm;

119.5 (v) for lead, less than or equal to 150 ppm;

119.6 (vi) for mercury, less than or equal to 5 ppm; and

119.7 (vii) for selenium, less than or equal to 18 ppm;

119.8 (5) analyzing, using a third-party laboratory, the natural organic reduction facility's
119.9 material samples of naturally reduced remains according to the following schedule:

140.1 Subd. 17. Natural organic reduction procedures; testing naturally reduced
140.2 remains. A natural organic reduction facility must:

140.3 (1) ensure that the material in the natural organic reduction vessel naturally reaches and
140.4 maintains a minimum temperature of 131 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of 72
140.5 consecutive hours during the process of natural organic reduction;

140.6 (2) analyze each instance of the naturally reduced remains for physical contaminants,
140.7 including but are not limited to intact bone, dental fillings, and medical implants, and ensure
140.8 naturally reduced remains have less than 0.01 mg/kg dry weight of any physical contaminants;

140.9 (3) collect material samples for analysis that are representative of each instance of natural
140.10 organic reduction, using a sampling method such as that described in the U.S. Composting
140.11 Council 2002 Test Methods for the Examination of Composting and Compost, method
140.12 02.01-A through E;

140.13 (4) develop and use a natural organic reduction process in which the naturally reduced
140.14 remains from the process do not exceed the following limits:

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| 140.15 | <u>Metals and other testing</u> | <u>Limit (mg/kg dry weight), unless otherwise</u> |
| 140.16 | <u>parameters</u> | <u>specified</u> |
| 140.17 | | <u>Less than 1,000 most probable number per gram</u> |
| 140.18 | <u>Fecal coliform</u> | <u>of total solids (dry weight)</u> |
| 140.19 | | <u>Less than 3 most probable number per 4 grams</u> |
| 140.20 | <u>Salmonella</u> | <u>of total solids (dry weight)</u> |
| 140.21 | <u>Arsenic</u> | <u>Less than or equal to 11 ppm</u> |
| 140.22 | <u>Cadmium</u> | <u>Less than or equal to 7.1 ppm</u> |
| 140.23 | <u>Lead</u> | <u>Less than or equal to 150 ppm</u> |
| 140.24 | <u>Mercury</u> | <u>Less than or equal to 8 ppm</u> |
| 140.25 | <u>Selenium</u> | <u>Less than or equal to 18 ppm;</u> |
| 140.26 | (5) <u>analyze, using a third-party laboratory, the natural organic reduction facility's material</u> | |
| 140.27 | <u>samples of naturally reduced remains according to the following schedule:</u> | |

119.10 (i) the natural organic reduction facility must analyze each of the first 20 instances of
 119.11 naturally reduced remains for the parameters identified in clause (4);

119.12 (ii) if any of the first 20 instances of naturally reduced remains yield results exceeding
 119.13 the limits identified in clause (4), the natural organic reduction facility must conduct
 119.14 appropriate processes to correct the levels of the chemicals identified in clause (4) and have
 119.15 the resultant remains tested to ensure they fall within the identified limits;

119.16 (iii) if any of the first 20 instances of naturally reduced remains yield results exceeding
 119.17 the limits identified in clause (4), the natural organic reduction facility must analyze each
 119.18 additional instance of naturally reduced remains for the parameters identified in clause (4)
 119.19 until a total of 20 samples, not including those from remains that were reprocessed under
 119.20 item (ii), have yielded results within the limits of clause (4) on initial testing;

119.21 (iv) after 20 material samples of naturally reduced remains have met the limits outlined
 119.22 in clause (4), the natural organic reduction facility must analyze, at a minimum, 25 percent
 119.23 of the natural organic reduction facility's monthly instances of naturally reduced remains
 119.24 for the parameters identified in clause (4) until 80 total material samples of naturally reduced
 119.25 remains have met the requirements of clause (4), not including any samples that required
 119.26 reprocessing to meet those requirements; and

119.27 (v) after 80 material samples of naturally reduced remains have met the limits of clause
 119.28 (4), the natural organic reduction facility must analyze, at a minimum, one instance of
 119.29 naturally reduced remains each month;

119.30 (6) complying with any testing requirements established by the commissioner for content
 119.31 parameters in addition to those specified in clause (4);

120.1 (7) not releasing any naturally reduced remains that exceed the limits identified in clause
 120.2 (4); and

120.3 (8) preparing, maintaining, and providing upon request by the commissioner an annual
 120.4 report each calendar year. The annual report must detail the natural organic reduction
 120.5 facility's activities during the previous calendar year and must include the following
 120.6 information:

120.7 (i) name and address of the natural organic reduction facility;

120.8 (ii) calendar year covered by the report;

120.9 (iii) annual quantity of naturally reduced remains;

120.10 (iv) results of any laboratory analyses of naturally reduced remains; and

120.11 (v) any additional information requested by the commissioner.

120.12 Subd. 24. Natural organic reduction procedures; use of more than one naturally
 120.13 reduced remains container. If the naturally reduced remains are to be separated into two
 120.14 or more naturally reduced remains containers according to the directives provided in the

140.28 (i) the natural organic reduction facility must analyze each of the first 20 instances of
 140.29 naturally reduced remains for the parameters in clause (4);

140.30 (ii) if any of the first 20 instances of naturally reduced remains yield results exceeding
 140.31 the limits in clause (4), the natural organic reduction facility must conduct appropriate
 140.32 processes to correct the levels of the substances in clause (4) and have the resultant remains
 140.33 tested to ensure they fall within the identified limits;

140.34 (iii) if any of the first 20 instances of naturally reduced remains yield results exceeding
 140.35 the limits in clause (4), the natural organic reduction facility must analyze each additional
 141.1 instance of naturally reduced remains for the parameters in clause (4) until a total of 20
 141.2 samples, not including those from remains that were reprocessed as required in item (ii),
 141.3 have yielded results within the limits in clause (4) on initial testing;

141.4 (iv) after 20 material samples of naturally reduced remains have met the limits in clause
 141.5 (4), the natural organic reduction facility must analyze at least 25 percent of the natural
 141.6 organic reduction facility's monthly instances of naturally reduced remains for the parameters
 141.7 in clause (4) until 80 total material samples of naturally reduced remains are found to meet
 141.8 the limits in clause (4), not including any samples that required reprocessing to meet those
 141.9 limits; and

141.10 (v) after 80 material samples of naturally reduced remains are found to meet the limits
 141.11 in clause (4), the natural organic reduction facility must analyze at least one instance of
 141.12 naturally reduced remains each month for the parameters in clause (4);

141.13 (6) comply with any testing requirements established by the commissioner for content
 141.14 parameters in addition to those specified in clause (4);

141.15 (7) not release any naturally reduced remains that exceed the limits in clause (4); and

141.16 (8) prepare, maintain, and provide to the commissioner upon request, a report for each
 141.17 calendar year detailing the natural organic reduction facility's activities during the previous
 141.18 calendar year. The report must include the following information:

141.19 (i) the name and address of the natural organic reduction facility;

141.20 (ii) the calendar year covered by the report;

141.21 (iii) the annual quantity of naturally reduced remains;

141.22 (iv) the results of any laboratory analyses of naturally reduced remains; and

141.23 (v) any additional information required by the commissioner.

141.24 Subd. 18. Natural organic reduction procedures; use of more than one naturally
 141.25 reduced remains container. If the naturally reduced remains are to be separated into two
 141.26 or more naturally reduced remains containers according to the directives provided in the

120.15 written authorization for natural organic reduction, all of the containers shall contain duplicate
120.16 identification disks, tabs, or permanent labels and all paperwork regarding the given body
120.17 shall include a notation of the number of and disposition of each container, as provided in
120.18 the written authorization.

120.19 Subd. 25. **Natural organic reduction procedures; disposition of accumulated**
120.20 **residue.** Every natural organic reduction facility shall provide for the removal and disposition
120.21 of any accumulated residue from any natural organic reduction vessel, mechanical processor,
120.22 or other equipment used in natural organic reduction. Disposition of accumulated residue
120.23 shall be by any lawful manner deemed appropriate.

120.24 Subd. 26. **Natural organic reduction procedures; release of naturally reduced**
120.25 **remains.** Following completion of the natural organic reduction process, the inurned naturally
120.26 reduced remains shall be released according to the instructions given on the written
120.27 authorization for natural organic reduction. If the remains are to be shipped, they must be
120.28 securely packaged and transported by a method ~~that~~ has an internal tracing system available
120.29 and which provides a receipt signed by the person accepting delivery. Where there is a
120.30 dispute over release or disposition of the naturally reduced remains, a natural organic
120.31 reduction facility may deposit the naturally reduced remains in accordance with the directives
120.32 of a court of competent jurisdiction pending resolution of the dispute or retain the naturally
120.33 reduced remains until the person with the legal right to control disposition presents
121.1 satisfactory indication that the dispute is resolved. A natural organic reduction facility must
121.2 make every effort to ~~ensure~~ naturally reduced remains are not sold or used for commercial
121.3 purposes.

121.4 Subd. 27. **Unclaimed naturally reduced remains.** If, after 30 calendar days following
121.5 the inurnment, the naturally reduced remains are not claimed or disposed of according to
121.6 the written authorization for natural organic reduction, the natural organic reduction facility
121.7 shall give written notice, by certified mail, to the person with the legal right to control the
121.8 final disposition or a legal designee, that the naturally reduced remains are unclaimed and
121.9 requesting further release directions. Should the naturally reduced remains be unclaimed
121.10 120 calendar days following the mailing of the written notification, the natural organic
121.11 reduction facility may return the remains to the earth respectfully in any lawful manner
121.12 deemed appropriate.

121.13 Subd. 28. **Required records.** Every natural organic reduction facility shall create and
121.14 maintain on its premises or other business location in Minnesota an accurate record of every
121.15 natural organic reduction provided. The record shall include all of the following information
121.16 for each natural organic reduction:

121.17 (1) the name of the person or funeral establishment delivering the body for natural
121.18 organic reduction;

121.19 (2) the name of the deceased and the identification number assigned to the body;

141.27 written authorization for natural organic reduction, all of the containers shall contain duplicate
141.28 identification disks, tabs, or permanent labels and all paperwork regarding the given body
141.29 shall include a notation of the number of and disposition of each container, as provided in
141.30 the written authorization.

141.31 Subd. 19. **Natural organic reduction procedures; disposition of accumulated**
141.32 **residue.** Every natural organic reduction facility shall provide for the removal and disposition
142.1 of any accumulated residue from any natural organic reduction vessel, mechanical processor,
142.2 or other equipment used in natural organic reduction. Disposition of accumulated residue
142.3 shall be by any lawful manner deemed appropriate.

142.4 Subd. 20. **Natural organic reduction procedures; release of naturally reduced**
142.5 **remains.** Following completion of the natural organic reduction process, the inurned naturally
142.6 reduced remains shall be released according to the instructions given on the written
142.7 authorization for natural organic reduction. If the remains are to be shipped, they must be
142.8 securely packaged and transported by a method ~~which~~ has an internal tracing system available
142.9 and which provides a receipt signed by the person accepting delivery. Where there is a
142.10 dispute over release or disposition of the naturally reduced remains, a natural organic
142.11 reduction facility may deposit the naturally reduced remains in accordance with the directives
142.12 of a court of competent jurisdiction pending resolution of the dispute or retain the naturally
142.13 reduced remains until the person with the legal right to control disposition presents
142.14 satisfactory indication that the dispute is resolved. A natural organic reduction facility must
142.15 ~~not sell naturally reduced remains and must~~ make every effort to ~~not release~~ naturally reduced
142.16 remains ~~for sale or for use~~ for commercial purposes.

142.17 Subd. 21. **Unclaimed naturally reduced remains.** If, after 30 calendar days following
142.18 the inurnment, the naturally reduced remains are not claimed or disposed of according to
142.19 the written authorization for natural organic reduction, the natural organic reduction facility
142.20 shall give written notice, by certified mail, to the person with the legal right to control the
142.21 final disposition or a legal designee, that the naturally reduced remains are unclaimed and
142.22 requesting further release directions. Should the naturally reduced remains be unclaimed
142.23 120 calendar days following the mailing of the written notification, the natural organic
142.24 reduction facility may return the remains to the earth respectfully in any lawful manner
142.25 deemed appropriate.

142.26 Subd. 22. **Required records.** Every natural organic reduction facility shall create and
142.27 maintain on its premises or other business location in Minnesota an accurate record of every
142.28 natural organic reduction provided. The record shall include all of the following information
142.29 for each natural organic reduction:

142.30 (1) the name of the person or funeral establishment delivering the body for natural
142.31 organic reduction;

142.32 (2) the name of the deceased and the identification number assigned to the body;

121.20 (3) the date of acceptance of delivery;

121.21 (4) the names of the operator of the natural organic reduction process and mechanical

121.22 processor operator;

121.23 (5) the times and dates that the body was placed in and removed from the natural organic

121.24 reduction vessel;

121.25 (6) the time and date that processing and inurnment of the naturally reduced remains

121.26 was completed;

121.27 (7) the time, date, and manner of release of the naturally reduced remains;

121.28 (8) the name and address of the person who signed the authorization for natural organic

121.29 reduction;

121.30 (9) all supporting documentation, including any transit or disposition permits, a photocopy

121.31 of the death record, and the authorization for natural organic reduction; and

121.32 (10) the type of natural organic reduction vessel.

122.1 Subd. 29. **Retention of records.** Records required under subdivision 21 shall be

122.2 maintained for a period of three calendar years after the release of the naturally reduced

122.3 remains. Following this period and subject to any other laws requiring retention of records,

122.4 the natural organic reduction facility may then place the records in storage or reduce them

122.5 to microfilm, a digital format, or any other method that can produce an accurate reproduction

122.6 of the original record, for retention for a period of ten calendar years from the date of release

122.7 of the naturally reduced remains. At the end of this period and subject to any other laws

122.8 requiring retention of records, the natural organic reduction facility may destroy the records

122.9 by shredding, incineration, or any other manner that protects the privacy of the individuals

122.10 identified.

122.11 Sec. 57. **STILLBIRTH PREVENTION THROUGH TRACKING FETAL**

122.12 **MOVEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

122.13 Subdivision 1. **Grant.** The commissioner of health shall issue a grant to a grant recipient

122.14 to support a stillbirth prevention through tracking fetal movement pilot program and to

122.15 provide evidence of the efficacy of tracking fetal movements in preventing stillbirths in

122.16 Minnesota. The pilot program shall operate in fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

122.17 Subd. 2. **Use of grant funds.** The grant recipient must use grant funds:

122.18 (1) for activities to ensure that expectant parents in Minnesota receive information about

122.19 the importance of tracking fetal movement in the third trimester of pregnancy, by providing

122.20 evidence-based information to organizations that include but are not limited to community

142.33 (3) the date of acceptance of delivery;

143.1 (4) the names of the operator of the natural organic reduction process and mechanical

143.2 processor operator;

143.3 (5) the times and dates that the body was placed in and removed from the natural organic

143.4 reduction vessel;

143.5 (6) the time and date that processing and inurnment of the naturally reduced remains

143.6 was completed;

143.7 (7) the time, date, and manner of release of the naturally reduced remains;

143.8 (8) the name and address of the person who signed the authorization for natural organic

143.9 reduction;

143.10 (9) all supporting documentation, including any transit or disposition permits, a photocopy

143.11 of the death record, and the authorization for natural organic reduction; and

143.12 (10) the type of natural organic reduction vessel.

143.13 Subd. 23. **Retention of records.** Records required under subdivision 22 shall be

143.14 maintained for a period of three calendar years after the release of the naturally reduced

143.15 remains. Following this period and subject to any other laws requiring retention of records,

143.16 the natural organic reduction facility may then place the records in storage or reduce them

143.17 to microfilm, a digital format, or any other method that can produce an accurate reproduction

143.18 of the original record, for retention for a period of ten calendar years from the date of release

143.19 of the naturally reduced remains. At the end of this period and subject to any other laws

143.20 requiring retention of records, the natural organic reduction facility may destroy the records

143.21 by shredding, incineration, or any other manner that protects the privacy of the individuals

143.22 identified.

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- 122.21 organizations, hospitals, birth centers, maternal health providers, and higher education
122.22 institutions that educate maternal health providers;
- 122.23 (2) to provide maternal health providers and expectant parents in Minnesota with access
122.24 to free, evidence-based educational materials on fetal movement tracking, including
122.25 brochures, posters, reminder cards, continuing education materials, and digital resources;
- 122.26 (3) to assist in raising awareness with health care providers about:
- 122.27 (i) the availability of free fetal movement tracking education for providers through an
122.28 initial education campaign;
- 122.29 (ii) the importance of tracking fetal movement in the third trimester of pregnancy by
122.30 offering at least three to five webinars and conferences per year; and
- 122.31 (iii) the importance of tracking fetal movement in the third trimester of pregnancy through
122.32 provider participation in a public relations campaign; and
- 123.1 (4) to assist in raising public awareness about the availability of free fetal movement
123.2 tracking resources through social media marketing and traditional marketing throughout
123.3 Minnesota.
- 123.4 Subd. 3. **Data-sharing and monitoring.** (a) During the operation of the pilot program,
123.5 the grant recipient shall provide the following information to the commissioner on at least
123.6 a quarterly basis:
- 123.7 (1) the number of educational materials distributed under the pilot program, broken
123.8 down by zip code and the type of facility or organization that ordered the materials, including
123.9 hospitals, birth centers, maternal health clinics, WIC clinics, and community organizations;
- 123.10 (2) the number of fetal movement tracking application downloads that may be attributed
123.11 to the pilot program, broken down by zip code;
- 123.12 (3) the reach of and engagement with marketing materials provided under the pilot
123.13 program; and
- 123.14 (4) provider attendance and participation in awareness-raising events under the pilot
123.15 program, such as webinars and conferences.
- 123.16 (b) Each year during the pilot program and at the conclusion of the pilot program, the
123.17 grant recipient shall provide the commissioner with an annual report that includes information
123.18 on how the pilot program has affected:
- 123.19 (1) fetal death rates in Minnesota;
- 123.20 (2) fetal death rates in Minnesota among American Indian, Black, Hispanic, and Asian
123.21 Pacific Islander populations; and
- 123.22 (3) fetal death rates by region in Minnesota.

123.23 Subd. 4. **Reports.** The commissioner must submit to the legislative committees with
123.24 jurisdiction over public health an interim report and a final report on the operation of the
123.25 pilot program. The interim report must be submitted by December 1, 2025, and the final
123.26 report must be submitted by December 1, 2027. Each report must at least describe the pilot
123.27 program's operations and provide information, to the extent available, on the effectiveness
123.28 of the pilot program in preventing stillbirths in Minnesota, including lessons learned in
123.29 implementing the pilot program and recommendations for future action.