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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~~ 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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107.18 four times a year.

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107.20 necessary to protect public health and safety of groundwater for the permit to be valid. The
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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.

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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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108.15 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 (i) (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 (l) (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 (m) (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 (n) (n) "Pharmacist" means an individual with a valid license issued under chapter 151.

80.23 (o) (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 (p) (p) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under chapter 147A.

80.26 (q) (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 (r) (s) "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 (s) (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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 109.17 care facility for persons with developmental disability; in a hospital if the hospital owns
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 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
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 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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 110.2 United States Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations,
 110.3 title 42, section 51, chapter 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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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.

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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.

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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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,

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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 ~~120~~ 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 (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 ~~120~~ 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 (d) 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
 90.0 assistance or Medicare enrollees, the information required under this item must specify
 90.1 whether any of the three nearest available facilities serves medical assistance or Medicare
 90.2 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 4b 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 4b 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.

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 115.18 liability company, or association.

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 115.22 association engaged for hire in the business of providing or procuring temporary employment
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 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
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 116.2 necessary to ensure compliance with sections 144A.70 to 144A.74.

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

94.16 (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 (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 aides, 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 (8) any other relevant information that the commissioner determines is necessary to
116.31 properly evaluate an application for registration;

117.1 (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 (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) 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:

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

117.16 Sec. 20. **[144A.715] PENALTIES.**

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 117.18 section 144.653, subdivision 6.

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

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

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

117.27 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.72, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

117.28 Subdivision 1. Minimum criteria. (a) The commissioner shall require that, as a condition
 117.29 of registration:

117.30 (1) all owners and controlling persons must complete a background study under section
 117.31 144.057 and receive a clearance or set aside of any disqualification;

118.1 (+) (2) the supplemental nursing services agency shall document that each temporary
 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;

118.6 (2) (3) the supplemental nursing services agency shall comply with all pertinent
 118.7 requirements relating to the health and other qualifications of personnel employed in health
 118.8 care facilities;

118.9 (3) (4) the supplemental nursing services agency must not restrict in any manner the
 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;

118.12 (4) the supplemental nursing services agency shall carry medical malpractice insurance
 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 withholding;

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.

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

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

118.18 (6) the supplemental nursing services agency shall maintain insurance coverage for
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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118.23 supplemental nursing services agency deposits all employee income tax withholdings; and
118.24 (ii) the name and address of any nurse, nursing assistant, nurse aide, or orderly whose income
118.25 is derived from placement by the agency, if the agency purports the income is not subject
118.26 to withholding;

118.27 (8) (5) the supplemental nursing services agency must not, in any contract with any
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;

119.1 (9) (6) the supplemental nursing services agency shall document that each temporary
119.2 employee provided to health care facilities is an employee of the agency and is not an
119.3 independent contractor; and

119.4 (10) (7) the supplemental nursing services agency shall retain all records for five calendar
119.5 years. All records of the supplemental nursing services agency must be immediately available
119.6 to the department.

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119.8 services to a health care facility ~~during the year in Minnesota within the past 12 months~~
119.9 preceding the supplemental nursing services agency's registration renewal date.

119.10 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144A.73, is amended to read:

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119.13 nursing services agency or its employees. Complaints may be made by any member of the
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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 120.27 a hydrolyzed or cremated remains container suitable for placement, burial, or shipment.
 120.28 Effective July 1, 2025, inurnment also includes placing naturally reduced remains in a
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121.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

121.2 Subd. 27. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means any person or entity that has been issued a license
 121.3 to practice mortuary science, to operate a funeral establishment, to operate an alkaline
 121.4 hydrolysis facility, or to operate a crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, to operate a natural
 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
 121.12 to read:

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

121.16 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
 121.17 to read:

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

121.21 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
 121.22 to read:

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

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

121.28 **Subd. 30f. Naturally reduced remains container.** "Naturally reduced remains container"
 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:

122.2 **Subd. 35. Processing.** "Processing" means the removal of foreign objects, drying or
 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,
 122.5 grinding, crushing, or pulverizing, to a granulated appearance appropriate for final
 122.6 disposition.

122.7 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 37c, is amended to read:

122.8 **Subd. 37c. Scattering.** "Scattering" means the authorized dispersal of hydrolyzed ~~or~~
 122.9 ~~remains, cremated remains, or, effective July 1, 2025, naturally reduced remains~~ in a defined
 122.10 area of a dedicated cemetery or in areas where no local prohibition exists provided that the
 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:

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:

149A.03 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

122.17 The commissioner shall:

122.18 (1) enforce all laws and adopt and enforce rules relating to the:

122.19 (i) removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final disposition
122.20 of dead human bodies;

122.21 (ii) licensure and professional conduct of funeral directors, morticians, interns, practicum
122.22 students, and clinical students;

122.23 (iii) licensing and operation of a funeral establishment;

122.24 (iv) licensing and operation of an alkaline hydrolysis facility; **and**

122.25 (v) licensing and operation of a crematory; **and**

122.26 (vi) effective July 1, 2025, licensing and operation of a natural organic reduction facility;

122.27 (2) provide copies of the requirements for licensure and permits to all applicants;

122.28 (3) administer examinations and issue licenses and permits to qualified persons and other
122.29 legal entities;

122.30 (4) maintain a record of the name and location of all current licensees and interns;

123.1 (5) perform periodic compliance reviews and premise inspections of licensees;

123.2 (6) accept and investigate complaints relating to conduct governed by this chapter;

123.3 (7) maintain a record of all current preneed arrangement trust accounts;

123.4 (8) maintain a schedule of application, examination, permit, and licensure fees, initial
123.5 and renewal, sufficient to cover all necessary operating expenses;

123.6 (9) educate the public about the existence and content of the laws and rules for mortuary
123.7 science licensing and the removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition,
123.8 and final disposition of dead human bodies to enable consumers to file complaints against
123.9 licensees and others who may have violated those laws or rules;

123.10 (10) evaluate the laws, rules, and procedures regulating the practice of mortuary science
123.11 in order to refine the standards for licensing and to improve the regulatory and enforcement
123.12 methods used; and

123.13 (11) initiate proceedings to address and remedy deficiencies and inconsistencies in the
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.

123.17 **Sec. 36. [149A.56] LICENSE TO OPERATE A NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION
123.18 FACILITY.**

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

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123.25 reduction facility licensed under this section must consist of:

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123.27 zoning laws and ordinances, and environmental standards, and that contains one or more
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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123.31 organic reduction.

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

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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
 124.33 the 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.**

125.12 Subdivision 1. **Renewal required.** This section is effective July 1, 2025. All licenses
 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 hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility is known to or licensed by the commissioner;

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

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

105.7 Any advertising or other printed material that contains the names or pictures of persons affiliated with a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility shall state the position held by the persons 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, or intern shall offer, solicit, or accept a commission, fee, bonus, rebate, or other reimbursement in consideration for recommending or causing a dead human body to be disposed of by a specific body donation program, funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, crematory, mausoleum, ~~or~~ cemetery, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic 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, the requirements of this subdivision must be met. This subdivision applies to natural organic 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 offerings or prices any accurate information from the price lists described in paragraphs (c) to (e) and any other readily available information that reasonably answers the questions asked.

105.26 (c) Funeral providers must make available for viewing to people who inquire in person about the offerings or prices of funeral goods or burial site goods, separate printed or typewritten price lists using a ten-point font or larger. Each funeral provider must have a 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 hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility is known to or licensed by the commissioner;

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

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

128.13 Any advertising or other printed material that contains the names or pictures of persons affiliated with a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, ~~or~~ crematory, or, effective July 1, 2025, natural organic reduction facility shall state the position held by the persons 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:

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

128.24 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

128.25 Subd. 2. **Preventive requirements.** (a) To prevent unfair or deceptive acts or practices, the requirements of this subdivision must be met. This subdivision applies to natural organic 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 offerings or prices any accurate information from the price lists described in paragraphs (c) to (e) and any other readily available information that reasonably answers the questions asked.

129.1 (c) Funeral providers must make available for viewing to people who inquire in person about the offerings or prices of funeral goods or burial site goods, separate printed or typewritten price lists using a ten-point font or larger. Each funeral provider must have a 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 provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or
 110.33 funeral services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice for a funeral provider to
 110.34 represent that a casket is required for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~, cremations, or, effective July
 110.35 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 provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods, funeral
 111.13 services, burial site goods, or burial site services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice
 111.14 for a funeral provider to require that a casket be purchased for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~,
 111.15 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 practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or funeral services to the public, it is
 111.19 a deceptive act or practice for any funeral provider to embalm a dead human body unless
 111.20 state or local law or regulation requires embalming in the particular circumstances regardless
 111.21 of any funeral choice which might be made, or prior approval for embalming has been
 111.22 obtained from an individual legally authorized to make such a decision. In seeking approval
 111.23 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 provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or
 134.3 funeral services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice for a funeral provider to
 134.4 represent that a casket is required for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~, cremations, or, effective July
 134.5 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 provisions; deceptive acts or practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods, funeral
 134.16 services, burial site goods, or burial site services to the public, it is a deceptive act or practice
 134.17 for a funeral provider to require that a casket be purchased for alkaline hydrolysis ~~or~~,
 134.18 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 practices.** In selling or offering to sell funeral goods or funeral services to the public, it is
 134.22 a deceptive act or practice for any funeral provider to embalm a dead human body unless
 134.23 state or local law or regulation requires embalming in the particular circumstances regardless
 134.24 of any funeral choice which might be made, or prior approval for embalming has been
 134.25 obtained from an individual legally authorized to make such a decision. In seeking approval
 134.26 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.

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

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;

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

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 nonporous 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:

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

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.