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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a fundamental right to reproductive health; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.5 Section 1. [145.409] REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Short title. This section may be cited as the "Protect Reproductive Options
1.7 Act."

1.8 Subd. 2. Definition. For purposes of this section, "reproductive health care" means
1.9 health care offered, arranged, or furnished for the purpose of preventing pregnancy,
1.10 terminating a pregnancy, managing pregnancy loss, or improving maternal health and birth
1.11 outcomes. Reproductive health care includes, but is not limited to, contraception; sterilization;
1.12 preconception care; maternity care; abortion care; family planning and fertility services;
1.13 and counseling regarding reproductive health care.

1.14 Subd. 3. Reproductive freedom. (a) Every individual has a fundamental right to make
1.15 autonomous decisions about the individual's own reproductive health, including the
1.16 fundamental right to use or refuse reproductive health care.

1.17 (b) Every individual who becomes pregnant has a fundamental right to continue the
1.18 pregnancy and give birth, or obtain an abortion, and to make autonomous decisions about
1.19 how to exercise this fundamental right.

1.20 Subd. 4. Right to reproductive freedom recognized. The Minnesota Constitution
1.21 establishes the principles of individual liberty, personal privacy, and equality. Such principles
1.22 ensure the fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Local unit of government limitation.** A local unit of government may not
2.2 regulate an individual's ability to freely exercise the fundamental rights set forth in this
2.3 section in a manner that is more restrictive than that set forth in this section.

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