

Chapter 28

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Subject Conversion therapy prohibition

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Overview

This act prohibits mental health practitioners or mental health professionals from providing conversion therapy to vulnerable adults and clients under age 18, and specifies that such therapy is not covered by medical assistance. The act also prohibits fraudulent or deceptive advertising practices relating to conversion therapy.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Protection from conversion therapy.
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Proposes coding for section 214.078.

Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “conversion therapy” and “client.”

Subd. 2. Prohibition. (a) Prohibits any mental health practitioner or mental health professional from engaging in conversion therapy with a client under age 18 or with a vulnerable adult, as defined in statute.

(b) Specifies that engaging in conversion therapy with clients under 18 or with vulnerable adults may lead to disciplinary action taken by the provider’s relevant professional licensing board.

Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

2	Conversion therapy.
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Amends § 256B.0625 by adding subd. 5n. Specifies that conversion therapy is not covered by medical assistance.

3	Advertisement and sales; misrepresentation of conversion therapy.
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Amends § 325F.69 by adding subd. 7.

Section **Description**

(a) Defines “conversion therapy” for purposes of the subdivision.

(b) Prohibits any person or entity conducting trade or commerce from using fraudulent or deceptive practices by advertising for or offering conversion therapy in a way that represents homosexuality as a mental disease, disorder, or illness or that guarantees changing sexual orientation or gender identity.



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