## HOUSE RESEARCH

## Bill Summary

**FILE NUMBER:** H.F. 279 **DATE:** March 22, 2003

**Version:** As introduced

**Authors:** Abeler and others

**Subject:** Physician assistant scope of practice

**Analyst:** Jeanne LeFevre, 651-296-5043

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

## Overview

Adds three new permitted responsibilities to those tasks which may be delegated to a physician assistant, makes conforming amendments to statute and requires conforming amendments to Minnesota Rules.

## **Section**

- Tasks that may be delegated to physician assistants. Permits delegation to physician assistants of the following additional tasks:
  - certification of a disability for purposes of obtaining a disabled parking permit
  - ▶ authorization of an emergency 72-hour mental health admission
  - provision of cause of death information for purposes of death certificate.
- **Disability certificate.** Adds physician assistant to list of persons who may certify disability.
- **72-hour mental health admission.** Adds physician assistant to the definition of "examiner" for purposes of the emergency 72-hour mental health admission.
- **Rule amendments.** Requires department of health to amend rules to allow physician assistants to provide and amend cause of death information.