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Overview

This bill modifies the voluntary admission and treatment standards in the Civil Commitment Act.

Section

1 **Voluntary admission and treatment.** Amends § 253B.04, subd. 1. Provides that a person is not subject to civil commitment if the person voluntarily seeks or agrees to accept treatment for a mental illness and if the person:

- ▶ is capable of giving informed consent or, if lacking capacity, is a person for whom legally valid consent has been given;
- ▶ is willing to accept a reasonable course of treatment; and
- ▶ has not refused to accept appropriate mental health treatment.

Also specifies how legally valid substitute consent may be provided.