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This bill provides access to health records to surviving domestic partners and would include domestic partners in provisions related to health care rights, autopsies, and anatomical gifts.

Section

- 1 Classification of medical data. Amends § 13.384, subd. 3. Modifies the list of persons to whom medical data held by a government entity may be disclosed by adding the surviving domestic partner.
- 2 **Definitions.** Amends § 144.291, subd. 2. Modifies the definition of "patient" for purposes of the Minnesota Health Records Act by adding the surviving domestic partner.
- **3 Provider inquiry.** Amends § 144.294, subd. 1. Adds domestic partner to the list of persons who may, with the patient's consent, receive information on a patient evaluated for or diagnosed with a mental illness.
- **4 Right to request patient information.** Amends § 144.334. Adds domestic partner to the list of persons who may request to receive information on a patient evaluated for or diagnosed with a mental illness.
- **5 Definitions.** Amends § 144.651, subd. 2. Adds a definition of "domestic partners" to the current Health Care Bill of Rights.
- 6 Married residents and domestic partners. Amends § 144.651, subd. 28. Modifies the Health Care Bill of Rights to assure domestic partners private visits and to allow them to share a room if they are residents of the same facility.
- 7 **Definitions.** Amends § 144A.161, subd. 1. Defines "family" to include domestic partners for the purposes of provisions that govern the relocation of residents from a nursing or boarding care home.

- **8 Hospice patient's family.** Amends § 144A.75, subd. 7. Modifies definition of "hospice patient's family" to include a domestic partner.
- **9 Consent for medical procedure.** Amends § 253B.03, subd. 6. Adds domestic partner to the hierarchy of proper relatives who may consent to treatment for a patient who is not competent to give consent.
- **10 Autopsies.** Amends § 390.11, subd. 2. Includes domestic partners as "legal next of kin" for purposes of consenting to certain uses of organs after an autopsy.
- **11 Other deaths; autopsies; exhumation consent.** Amends § 390.32, subd. 3. Includes domestic partners in the hierarchy of persons who must provide consent prior to an autopsy under certain circumstances.
- **12 Disinterested witness.** Amends § 525A.02, subd. 6. Adds domestic partner to the list of persons who are not disinterested witnesses for purposes of the anatomical gifts chapter.
- **13 Domestic partners.** Amends § 525A.02 by adding subd. 7a. Includes a definition of "domestic partners" for purposes of the anatomical gifts chapter.
- **14** Who may make anatomical gift of decedent's body or part. Amends § 525A.09. Adds domestic partner to the list, in order of priority, of persons who may make an anatomical gift of a decedent's body or part.