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1 Licensure of certain facilities that perform abortions. Adds § 145.417. Establishes a requirement that certain facilities that perform abortions be licensed by the state department of health (MDH).

Subd. 1. Licensure required for facilities that perform ten or more abortions per month. Requires certain health care facilities that perform ten or more abortions each month, including nonsurgical abortions, to be licensed by MDH and makes them subject to the rules in Minnesota Rules, chapter 4675, which apply to outpatient surgical centers. Establishes a misdemeanor for facilities that operate without a license.

- **Subd. 2. Inspections; no notice required.** Requires MDH to inspect and investigate facilities licensed under this section more than twice a year. Requires facilities licensed under this section, and facilities that are applicants for licensure, to be open to inspections authorized in writing by MDH at all reasonable times. Provides that no notice must be given prior to inspection.
- **Subd. 3. Licensure fee.** Provides that a license fee may be charged.
- **Subd. 4. Suspension, revocation, and refusal to renew.** Sets out grounds upon which the commissioner of health may refuse to grant a license or may revoke a license.
- **Subd. 5. Hearing.** Provides a process that must be followed prior to any suspension, revocation, or refusal to grant a license.
- **Subd. 6. Severability.** Provides a severability clause for all parts of this section.