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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

March 24, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

May 14, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

May 19, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article
1.3 XIII, by adding a section, affirming that every resident of Minnesota has the
1.4 right to affordable health care.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
1.8 amendment is adopted, a section will be added to article XIII, to read:

1.9 Sec. 13. Every Minnesota resident has the right to health care. It is the responsibility of
1.10 the governor and the legislature to implement all necessary legislation to ensure affordable
1.11 health care.

1.12 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.13 The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the 2008 general
1.14 election. The question submitted shall be:

1.15 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to state that every resident of
1.16 Minnesota has the right to health care and that it is the responsibility of the governor and
1.17 the legislature to implement all necessary legislation to ensure affordable health care?

1.18 Yes

1.19 No"

1.20 Sec. 3. **ACTION BY LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR.**

2.1 If the constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 is approved by the people at
2.2 the 2008 general election, the legislature and governor must enact legislation to implement
2.3 the constitutional amendment by July 1, 2011.