State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
relating to health; prohibiting pharmacists from substituting epilepsy drugs
without consent; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
151.

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

1.6 Section 1. [151.2101] ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUGS.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following

definitions apply:

(1) "anti-epileptic drug" means any drug prescribed for the treatment of epilepsy or
a drug used to treat or prevent seizures;

(2) "epilepsy" means a neurological condition characterized by recurrent seizures;

and

(3) "seizure" means an acute clinical change secondary to a brief disturbance in
the electrical activity of the brain.

Subd. 2 Substitution prohibited. A pharmacist may not dispense an anti-epileptic
drug or formulation of an anti-epileptic drug that is different from the one ordered or
prescribed without first obtaining signed, written informed consent from the prescribing
physician and the patient or the patient's parent, legal guardian, or spouse.

1.19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.