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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to abortions; regulating retention and composition of medical records;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[145.4161] ABORTION; MEDICAL RECORDS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Retention.** (a) An abortion facility shall retain all medical records,
1.7 reports, or other documents related to each patient on whom an abortion was performed in
1.8 the files of the facility for a period of 15 years.

1.9 (b) The facility shall inform the patient that all medical records, reports, and other
1.10 documents related to the abortion will be retained at the facility for 15 years and available
1.11 to the patient. The facility shall have the patient sign an acknowledgment that she has
1.12 received this information.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Records.** The medical record of each patient on whom an abortion was
1.14 performed shall contain:

1.15 (1) identification data which includes the patient's name, address, and date of birth;

1.16 (2) medical history;

1.17 (3) a physical examination report;

1.18 (4) a copy of the ultrasound;

1.19 (5) a report of the abortion procedure, including the anesthetic agent administered,
1.20 the technical procedure used, and any complications that occurred as a result of the
1.21 procedure;

1.22 (6) procedures used to remedy complications, if complications occurred;

1.23 (7) the approximate gestational age of the unborn child or children;

1.24 (8) the sex of the unborn child or children;

- 2.1 (9) the number of births terminated as a result of the abortion procedure;
- 2.2 (10) a completed copy of the report of induced abortion that is submitted to the
- 2.3 Department of Health; and
- 2.4 (11) a copy of the acknowledgment from the patient that the patient is aware the
- 2.5 medical records will be retained by the facility for 15 years from the date of the abortion.