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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

February 9, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying the definition of doula services; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.995, subdivisions 2, 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.995, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. Certified doula. "Certified doula" means an individual who has received
1.7 a certification to perform doula services from the International Childbirth Education
1.8 Association, the Doulas of North America (DONA), the Association of Labor Assistants
1.9 and Childbirth Educators (ALACE), Birthworks, Childbirth and Postpartum Professional
1.10 Association (CAPPA), or Childbirth International, or International Center for Traditional
1.11 Childbearing.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.995, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 4. Doula services. "Doula services" means continuous emotional and
1.14 physical support during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum throughout labor and
1.15 birth, and intermittently during the prenatal and postpartum periods.