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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 health; clarifying information provided by hospitals to sexual assault
1.3 victims; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.4712, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.4712, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Emergency care to female sexual assault victims.** (a) It shall be the
1.8 standard of care for all hospitals that provide emergency care to, at a minimum:

1.9 (1) provide each female sexual assault victim with medically and factually accurate
1.10 and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception from the
1.11 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and distributed to all hospitals by
1.12 the Department of Health. Prior to distribution, this information may be modified by the
1.13 commissioner, in consultation with the Minnesota Health Literacy Partnership, to ensure
1.14 that the information provided is patient centered and sensitive to the psychological needs
1.15 of the sexual assault victim;

1.16 (2) orally inform each female sexual assault victim of the option of being provided
1.17 with emergency contraception at the hospital; and

1.18 (3) immediately provide emergency contraception to each sexual assault victim
1.19 who requests it provided it is not medically contraindicated and is ordered by a legal
1.20 prescriber. Emergency contraception shall be administered in accordance with current
1.21 medical protocols regarding timing and dosage necessary to complete the treatment.

1.22 (b) A hospital may administer a pregnancy test. If the pregnancy test is positive, the
1.23 hospital does not have to comply with the provisions in paragraph (a).