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S.F. No. 3501 – Physician Assistants (1st engrossment) – Civil Law and Data Practices Provisions Only

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Overview

Under current law, licensed health care providers are specifically given certain rights, duties, and protections and the authority to perform certain acts. **S.F. 3501** adds licensed physician assistants to many of those statutes. This summary provides a list of the sections and statutes within the jurisdiction of the Civil Law and Data Practices Policy Committee.

Summary

Section 1. [13.83, subd. 2] Public data. Provides that the following data collected by a medical examiner or coroner on a deceased individual is public data: a certification of attendance by a physician assistant and the physician assistant's name and address.

Section 39. [144.4807, subd. 7] Court order extending 72-hour hold. Amends the Tuberculosis Health Threat Act. Permits the court to rely on a physician assistant's statement to support probable cause.

Section 53. [144.69] Classification of data on individuals. Requires the commissioner to obtain a physician assistant's consent before interviewing patients or relatives for purposes of the cancer surveillance system.

Section 56. [144.7407, subd. 2] Procedures without consent. Amends protocols that apply when emergency medical services personnel are exposed to a blood-borne pathogen. Provides that a court may order a blood test if a physician assistant needs it to provide or continue medical treatment.

Section 58. [144.7415, subd. 2] Immunity. Amends protocols that apply when emergency medical services personnel are exposed to a blood-borne pathogen. Provides immunity from liability to a physician assistant.

Section 61. [144.966, subd. 6] Civil and criminal immunity and penalties. Amends provision related to early hearing detection and intervention programs. Provides physician assistants with immunity from liability for failure to conduct screen tests or for acting in accordance with current law.

Section 77. [145.94, subd. 2] Disclosure of information. Amends data provisions related to exposure to hazardous substances. Authorizes disclosure of information, including nonpublic data, to a physician assistant.

Sections 79 to 83 [145C.02; 145C.05, subd. 2; 145C.06; 145C.07, subd. 1; 145C.16] Health care directive. Amends provisions governing health care directives.

Section 115. [246.716, subd. 2] Procedures without consent. Amends provisions related to blood-borne pathogen protocols for employees of a secure treatment facility exposed to a blood-borne pathogen

Section 117. [246.722] Immunity. Amends provisions related to blood-borne pathogen protocols for employees of a secure treatment facility exposed to a blood-borne pathogen. Provides physician assistants with immunity from liability.

Section 121. [252A.20, subd. 1] Witness and attorney fees. Amends provisions governing public guardianships. Authorizes payment of reasonable sum for services and travel to a physician assistant who assisted in the proceedings.

Sections 122 to 126. [253B.02, subd. 9; 253B.03, subd. 4; 253B.03, subd. 6d; 253B.06, subd. 2; 253B.23, subd. 4] Civil commitment. Amends provisions governing civil commitment.

Section 165. [259.24, subd. 2] Parents, guardians. Amends provisions governing an unmarried minor parent's consent to adoption. Permits an unmarried minor parent to consult with a physician assistant before consenting to adoption.

Section 166. [260C.007, subd. 6] Child in need of protection or services. Amends definition of "child in need of protection of services."

Section 168. [383A.13, subd. 6] No civil liability of doctors, nurses, and physician assistants; conditions. Amends provision governing civil immunity for health care providers who give emergency instructions to certified paramedics.