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S.F. No. 1462 – Crimes Involving Vulnerable Persons (as amended by the SCS1462A-1 amendment)

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Section 1 makes it a gross misdemeanor for a legal guardian to prevent a person subject to a guardianship or conservatorship to exercise any of the 17 rights granted in the bill of rights for persons subject to a guardianship or conservatorship (Minnesota Statutes, section 524.5-120).

Section 2 expands the criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult crime to include a caregiver who intentionally administers a controlled substance to a vulnerable adult without a valid prescription or in a manner inconsistent with a prescription. The penalty for a violation ranges from a gross misdemeanor to a five-, ten-, or 15-year felony depending on the harm caused to the victim.