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S.F. No. 1 – Protect Reproductive Options Act

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S.F. 1 establishes a fundamental right to reproductive health and an individual's right to make autonomous decisions about one's own reproductive health, including the fundamental right to use or refuse reproductive healthcare. **S.F. 1** also recognizes that the Minnesota Constitution ensures the fundamental right to reproductive freedom. It also prohibits local units of government from restricting an individual's ability to exercise the fundamental right established in this section.

Section 1 (145.409) establishes the fundamental right to reproductive health.

> **Subdivision 1 (short title)** permits this section to be cited as the "Protect Reproductive Options Act".

> **Subd 2 (Definition**) defines reproductive health care as health care offered, arranged, or furnished for the purpose of preventing pregnancy, terminating a pregnancy, managing a pregnancy loss, or improving maternal health and birth outcomes.

> **Subd. 3 (Reproductive freedom)** paragraph (a) states that every individual has a fundamental right to make autonomous decisions about the individual's own reproductive health, including the fundamental right to use or refuse reproductive health care.

> Paragraph (b) states that every individual who becomes pregnant has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth, or obtain and abortion, and make autonomous decisions about how to exercise this fundamental right.

> **Subd. 4 (Right to reproductive freedom recognized)** reiterates that the Minnesota Constitution establishes the principles of individual liberty, personal privacy, and equality and that these principles ensure the fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

> **Subd. 5 (Local unit of government limitation)** prohibits a local unit of government from regulating an individual's ability to freely exercise the fundamental rights set forth in this section in a manner that is more restrictive than that set forth in this section.