

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 4570 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 **"ARTICLE 1**

1.4 **TRANSFER CARE SPECIALISTS**

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Exceptions to licensure.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter,
1.7 nothing in this chapter shall in any way interfere with the duties of:

1.8 (1) an anatomical bequest program located within an accredited school of medicine or
1.9 an accredited college of mortuary science;

1.10 (2) a person engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by law relating to the
1.11 conditions under which unclaimed dead human bodies are held subject to anatomical study;

1.12 (3) authorized personnel from a licensed ambulance service in the performance of their
1.13 duties;

1.14 (4) licensed medical personnel in the performance of their duties; or

1.15 (5) the coroner or medical examiner in the performance of the duties of their offices.

1.16 (b) This chapter does not apply to or interfere with the recognized customs or rites of
1.17 any culture or recognized religion in the ceremonial washing, dressing, casketing, and public
1.18 transportation of their dead, to the extent that all other provisions of this chapter are complied
1.19 with.

1.20 (c) Noncompensated persons with the right to control the dead human body, under section
1.21 149A.80, subdivision 2, may remove a body from the place of death; transport the body;
1.22 prepare the body for disposition, except embalming; or arrange for final disposition of the
1.23 body, provided that all actions are in compliance with this chapter.

1.24 (d) Persons serving internships pursuant to section 149A.20, subdivision 6, ~~or~~; students
1.25 officially registered for a practicum or clinical through a program of mortuary science
1.26 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education; or transfer care specialists
1.27 registered pursuant to section 149A.47 are not required to be licensed, provided that the
1.28 persons ~~or~~, students, or transfer care specialists are registered with the commissioner and
1.29 act under the direct and exclusive supervision of a person holding a current license to practice
1.30 mortuary science in Minnesota.

(e) Notwithstanding this subdivision, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an institution or entity from establishing, implementing, or enforcing a policy that permits only persons licensed by the commissioner to remove or cause to be removed a dead body or body part from the institution or entity.

(f) An unlicensed person may arrange for and direct or supervise a memorial service if that person or that person's employer does not have charge of the dead human body. An unlicensed person may not take charge of the dead human body, unless that person has the right to control the dead human body under section 149A.80, subdivision 2, or is that person's noncompensated designee.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 13a, is amended to read:

Subd. 13a. **Direct supervision.** "Direct supervision" means overseeing the performance of an individual. For the purpose of a clinical, practicum, or internship, direct supervision means that the supervisor is available to observe and correct, as needed, the performance of the trainee. For the purpose of a transfer care specialist, direct supervision means that the supervisor is available by being physically present or by telephone to advise and correct, as needed, the performance of the transfer care specialist. The supervising mortician ~~supervisor~~ is accountable for the actions of the clinical student, practicum student, or intern throughout the course of the training. The supervising mortician is accountable for any violations of law or rule, in the performance of their duties, by the clinical student, practicum student, ~~or intern,~~ or transfer care specialist.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 37d. **Transfer care specialist.** "Transfer care specialist" means an individual who is registered with the commissioner in accordance with section 149A.47 and is authorized to perform the removal of a dead human body from the place of death under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.03, is amended to read:

149A.03 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

The commissioner shall:

(1) enforce all laws and adopt and enforce rules relating to the:

- 3.1 (i) removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final disposition
3.2 of dead human bodies;
- 3.3 (ii) licensure, registration, and professional conduct of funeral directors, morticians,
3.4 interns, practicum students, ~~and~~ clinical students, and transfer care specialists;
- 3.5 (iii) licensing and operation of a funeral establishment;
- 3.6 (iv) licensing and operation of an alkaline hydrolysis facility; and
- 3.7 (v) licensing and operation of a crematory;
- 3.8 (2) provide copies of the requirements for licensure, registration, and permits to all
3.9 applicants;
- 3.10 (3) administer examinations and issue licenses, registrations, and permits to qualified
3.11 persons and other legal entities;
- 3.12 (4) maintain a record of the name and location of all current licensees ~~and~~, interns, and
3.13 transfer care specialists;
- 3.14 (5) perform periodic compliance reviews and premise inspections of licensees;
- 3.15 (6) accept and investigate complaints relating to conduct governed by this chapter;
- 3.16 (7) maintain a record of all current preneed arrangement trust accounts;
- 3.17 (8) maintain a schedule of application, examination, permit, registration, and licensure
3.18 fees, initial and renewal, sufficient to cover all necessary operating expenses;
- 3.19 (9) educate the public about the existence and content of the laws and rules for mortuary
3.20 science licensing and the removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition,
3.21 and final disposition of dead human bodies to enable consumers to file complaints against
3.22 licensees and others who may have violated those laws or rules;
- 3.23 (10) evaluate the laws, rules, and procedures regulating the practice of mortuary science
3.24 in order to refine the standards for licensing and to improve the regulatory and enforcement
3.25 methods used; and
- 3.26 (11) initiate proceedings to address and remedy deficiencies and inconsistencies in the
3.27 laws, rules, or procedures governing the practice of mortuary science and the removal,
3.28 preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition, and final disposition of dead
3.29 human bodies.

4.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.09, is amended to read:

4.2 **149A.09 DENIAL; REFUSAL TO REISSUE; REVOCATION; SUSPENSION;**
4.3 **LIMITATION OF LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR PERMIT.**

4.4 Subdivision 1. **Denial; refusal to renew; revocation; and suspension.** The regulatory
4.5 agency may deny, refuse to renew, revoke, or suspend any license, registration, or permit
4.6 applied for or issued pursuant to this chapter when the person subject to regulation under
4.7 this chapter:

4.8 (1) does not meet or fails to maintain the minimum qualification for holding a license,
4.9 registration, or permit under this chapter;

4.10 (2) submits false or misleading material information to the regulatory agency in
4.11 connection with a license, registration, or permit issued by the regulatory agency or the
4.12 application for a license, registration, or permit;

4.13 (3) violates any law, rule, order, stipulation agreement, settlement, compliance agreement,
4.14 license, registration, or permit that regulates the removal, preparation, transportation,
4.15 arrangements for disposition, or final disposition of dead human bodies in Minnesota or
4.16 any other state in the United States;

4.17 (4) is convicted of a crime, including a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt,
4.18 or a no contest plea in any court in Minnesota or any other jurisdiction in the United States.
4.19 "Conviction," as used in this subdivision, includes a conviction for an offense which, if
4.20 committed in this state, would be deemed a felony or gross misdemeanor without regard to
4.21 its designation elsewhere, or a criminal proceeding where a finding or verdict of guilty is
4.22 made or returned, but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld or not entered;

4.23 (5) is convicted of a crime, including a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt,
4.24 or a no contest plea in any court in Minnesota or any other jurisdiction in the United States
4.25 that the regulatory agency determines is reasonably related to the removal, preparation,
4.26 transportation, arrangements for disposition or final disposition of dead human bodies, or
4.27 the practice of mortuary science;

4.28 (6) is adjudicated as mentally incompetent, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or
4.29 mentally ill and dangerous to the public;

4.30 (7) has a conservator or guardian appointed;

4.31 (8) fails to comply with an order issued by the regulatory agency or fails to pay an
4.32 administrative penalty imposed by the regulatory agency;

(9) owes uncontested delinquent taxes in the amount of \$500 or more to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, or any other governmental agency authorized to collect taxes anywhere in the United States;

(10) is in arrears on any court ordered family or child support obligations; or

(11) engages in any conduct that, in the determination of the regulatory agency, is unprofessional as prescribed in section 149A.70, subdivision 7, or renders the person unfit to practice mortuary science or to operate a funeral establishment or crematory.

Subd. 2. **Hearings related to refusal to renew, suspension, or revocation of license, registration, or permit.** If the regulatory agency proposes to deny renewal, suspend, or revoke a license, registration, or permit issued under this chapter, the regulatory agency must first notify, in writing, the person against whom the action is proposed to be taken and provide an opportunity to request a hearing under the contested case provisions of sections 14.57 to 14.62. If the subject of the proposed action does not request a hearing by notifying the regulatory agency, by mail, within 20 calendar days after the receipt of the notice of proposed action, the regulatory agency may proceed with the action without a hearing and the action will be the final order of the regulatory agency.

Subd. 3. **Review of final order.** A judicial review of the final order issued by the regulatory agency may be requested in the manner prescribed in sections 14.63 to 14.69. Failure to request a hearing pursuant to subdivision 2 shall constitute a waiver of the right to further agency or judicial review of the final order.

Subd. 4. **Limitations or qualifications placed on license, registration, or permit.** The regulatory agency may, where the facts support such action, place reasonable limitations or qualifications on the right to practice mortuary science ~~or~~, to operate a funeral establishment or crematory, or to perform activities or actions permitted under this chapter.

Subd. 5. **Restoring license, registration, or permit.** The regulatory agency may, where there is sufficient reason, restore a license, registration, or permit that has been revoked, reduce a period of suspension, or remove limitations or qualifications.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.11, is amended to read:

149A.11 PUBLICATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.

The regulatory agencies shall report all disciplinary measures or actions taken to the commissioner. At least annually, the commissioner shall publish and make available to the public a description of all disciplinary measures or actions taken by the regulatory agencies. The publication shall include, for each disciplinary measure or action taken, the name and

6.1 business address of the licensee ~~or~~, intern, or transfer care specialist; the nature of the
6.2 misconduct~~;~~ and the measure or action taken by the regulatory agency.

6.3 Sec. 7. **[149A.47] TRANSFER CARE SPECIALIST.**

6.4 Subdivision 1. **General.** A transfer care specialist may remove a dead human body from
6.5 the place of death under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician if the transfer care
6.6 specialist is registered with the commissioner in accordance with this section. A transfer
6.7 care specialist is not licensed to engage in the practice of mortuary science and shall not
6.8 engage in the practice of mortuary science except as provided in this section. A transfer
6.9 care specialist must be an employee of a licensed funeral establishment.

6.10 Subd. 2. **Registration.** (a) To be eligible for registration as a transfer care specialist, an
6.11 applicant must submit to the commissioner:

6.12 (1) a completed application on a form provided by the commissioner that includes at a
6.13 minimum:

6.14 (i) the applicant's name, home address and telephone number, business name, business
6.15 address and telephone number, and email address; and

6.16 (ii) the name, license number, business name, and business address and telephone number
6.17 of the supervising licensed mortician;

6.18 (2) proof of completion of a training program that meets the requirements specified in
6.19 subdivision 4; and

6.20 (3) the appropriate fee specified in section 149A.65.

6.21 (b) All transfer care specialist registrations are valid for one calendar year, beginning
6.22 on January 1 and ending on December 31 regardless of the date of issuance. Fees shall not
6.23 be prorated.

6.24 Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) A transfer care specialist registered under this section is authorized
6.25 to perform the removal of a dead human body from the place of death in accordance with
6.26 this chapter to a licensed funeral establishment. A transfer care specialist must comply with
6.27 the universal precaution requirements in section 149A.91, subdivision 1, when handling a
6.28 dead human body.

6.29 (b) A transfer care specialist must work under the direct supervision of a licensed
6.30 mortician. The supervising mortician is responsible for the work performed by the transfer
6.31 care specialist. A licensed mortician may supervise up to four transfer care specialists at
6.32 any one time.

7.1 Subd. 4. **Training program and continuing education.** (a) Each transfer care specialist
7.2 must complete a training program prior to initial registration. A training program must be
7.3 at least seven hours long and must cover, at a minimum, the following:

7.4 (1) ethical care and transportation procedures for a deceased person;

7.5 (2) health and safety concerns to the public and the individual performing the transfer
7.6 of the deceased person, and the use of universal precautions and other reasonable precautions
7.7 to minimize the risk for transmitting communicable diseases; and

7.8 (3) all relevant state and federal laws and regulations related to the transfer and
7.9 transportation of deceased persons.

7.10 (b) A transfer care specialist must complete three hours of continuing education annually
7.11 on content described in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), and submit evidence of completion
7.12 with the individual's registration renewal.

7.13 Subd. 5. **Renewal.** (a) A registration issued under this section expires on December 31
7.14 of the calendar year in which the registration was issued and must be renewed to remain
7.15 valid.

7.16 (b) To renew a registration, a transfer care specialist must submit to the commissioner
7.17 a completed renewal application as provided by the commissioner and the appropriate fee
7.18 specified in section 149A.65. The renewal application must include proof of completion of
7.19 the continuing education requirements in subdivision 4.

7.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.60, is amended to read:

7.21 **149A.60 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

7.22 The regulatory agency may impose disciplinary measures or take disciplinary action
7.23 against a person whose conduct is subject to regulation under this chapter for failure to
7.24 comply with any provision of this chapter or laws, rules, orders, stipulation agreements,
7.25 settlements, compliance agreements, licenses, registrations, and permits adopted, or issued
7.26 for the regulation of the removal, preparation, transportation, arrangements for disposition
7.27 or final disposition of dead human bodies, or for the regulation of the practice of mortuary
7.28 science.

7.29 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.61, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

7.30 Subd. 4. **Licensees ~~and~~, interns, and transfer care specialists.** A licensee ~~or~~, intern,
7.31 or transfer care specialist regulated under this chapter may report to the commissioner any

conduct that the licensee ~~or~~ intern, or transfer care specialist has personal knowledge of, and reasonably believes constitutes grounds for, disciplinary action under this chapter.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.61, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Courts.** The court administrator of district court or any court of competent jurisdiction shall report to the commissioner any judgment or other determination of the court that adjudges or includes a finding that a licensee ~~or~~ intern, or transfer care specialist is a person who is mentally ill, mentally incompetent, guilty of a felony or gross misdemeanor, guilty of violations of federal or state narcotics laws or controlled substances acts; appoints a guardian or conservator for the licensee ~~or~~ intern, or transfer care specialist; or commits a licensee ~~or~~ intern, or transfer care specialist.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.62, is amended to read:

149A.62 IMMUNITY; REPORTING.

Any person, private agency, organization, society, association, licensee, ~~or~~ intern, or transfer care specialist who, in good faith, submits information to a regulatory agency under section 149A.61 or otherwise reports violations or alleged violations of this chapter, is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution. This section does not prohibit disciplinary action taken by the commissioner against any licensee ~~or~~ intern, or transfer care specialist pursuant to a self report of a violation.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.63, is amended to read:

149A.63 PROFESSIONAL COOPERATION.

A licensee, clinical student, practicum student, intern, transfer care specialist, or applicant for licensure under this chapter that is the subject of or part of an inspection or investigation by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall cooperate fully with the inspection or investigation. Failure to cooperate constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under this chapter.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.65, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Mortuary science fees.** Fees for mortuary science are:

(1) \$75 for the initial and renewal registration of a mortuary science intern;

(2) \$125 for the mortuary science examination;

(3) \$200 for issuance of initial and renewal mortuary science licenses;

- 9.1 (4) \$100 late fee charge for a license renewal; ~~and~~
- 9.2 (5) \$250 for issuing a mortuary science license by endorsement; and
- 9.3 (6) \$..... for the initial and renewal registration of a transfer care specialist.

9.4 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

9.5 Subd. 3. **Advertising.** No licensee, clinical student, practicum student, ~~or intern,~~ or

9.6 transfer care specialist shall publish or disseminate false, misleading, or deceptive advertising.

9.7 False, misleading, or deceptive advertising includes, but is not limited to:

9.8 (1) identifying, by using the names or pictures of, persons who are not licensed to practice

9.9 mortuary science in a way that leads the public to believe that those persons will provide

9.10 mortuary science services;

9.11 (2) using any name other than the names under which the funeral establishment, alkaline

9.12 hydrolysis facility, or crematory is known to or licensed by the commissioner;

9.13 (3) using a surname not directly, actively, or presently associated with a licensed funeral

9.14 establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, or crematory, unless the surname had been

9.15 previously and continuously used by the licensed funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis

9.16 facility, or crematory; and

9.17 (4) using a founding or establishing date or total years of service not directly or

9.18 continuously related to a name under which the funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis

9.19 facility, or crematory is currently or was previously licensed.

9.20 Any advertising or other printed material that contains the names or pictures of persons

9.21 affiliated with a funeral establishment, alkaline hydrolysis facility, or crematory shall state

9.22 the position held by the persons and shall identify each person who is licensed or unlicensed

9.23 under this chapter.

9.24 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

9.25 Subd. 4. **Solicitation of business.** No licensee shall directly or indirectly pay or cause

9.26 to be paid any sum of money or other valuable consideration for the securing of business

9.27 or for obtaining the authority to dispose of any dead human body.

9.28 For purposes of this subdivision, licensee includes a registered intern, transfer care

9.29 specialist, or any agent, representative, employee, or person acting on behalf of the licensee.

10.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

10.2 Subd. 5. **Reimbursement prohibited.** No licensee, clinical student, practicum student,
10.3 ~~or intern, or transfer care specialist~~ shall offer, solicit, or accept a commission, fee, bonus,
10.4 rebate, or other reimbursement in consideration for recommending or causing a dead human
10.5 body to be disposed of by a specific body donation program, funeral establishment, alkaline
10.6 hydrolysis facility, crematory, mausoleum, or cemetery.

10.7 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.70, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

10.8 Subd. 7. **Unprofessional conduct.** No licensee ~~or intern, or transfer care specialist~~ shall
10.9 engage in or permit others under the licensee's ~~or intern's, or transfer care specialist's~~
10.10 supervision or employment to engage in unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct
10.11 includes, but is not limited to:

10.12 (1) harassing, abusing, or intimidating a customer, employee, or any other person
10.13 encountered while within the scope of practice, employment, or business;

10.14 (2) using profane, indecent, or obscene language within the immediate hearing of the
10.15 family or relatives of the deceased;

10.16 (3) failure to treat with dignity and respect the body of the deceased, any member of the
10.17 family or relatives of the deceased, any employee, or any other person encountered while
10.18 within the scope of practice, employment, or business;

10.19 (4) the habitual overindulgence in the use of or dependence on intoxicating liquors,
10.20 prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, illegal drugs, or any other mood altering
10.21 substances that substantially impair a person's work-related judgment or performance;

10.22 (5) revealing personally identifiable facts, data, or information about a decedent, customer,
10.23 member of the decedent's family, or employee acquired in the practice or business without
10.24 the prior consent of the individual, except as authorized by law;

10.25 (6) intentionally misleading or deceiving any customer in the sale of any goods or services
10.26 provided by the licensee;

10.27 (7) knowingly making a false statement in the procuring, preparation, or filing of any
10.28 required permit or document; or

10.29 (8) knowingly making a false statement on a record of death.

11.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.90, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

11.2 Subd. 2. **Removal from place of death.** No person subject to regulation under this
11.3 chapter shall remove or cause to be removed any dead human body from the place of death
11.4 without being licensed or registered by the commissioner. Every dead human body shall be
11.5 removed from the place of death by a licensed mortician or funeral director, except as
11.6 provided in section 149A.01, subdivision 3.

11.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.90, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

11.8 Subd. 4. **Certificate of removal.** No dead human body shall be removed from the place
11.9 of death by a mortician ~~or~~, funeral director, or transfer care specialist or by a noncompensated
11.10 person with the right to control the dead human body without the completion of a certificate
11.11 of removal and, where possible, presentation of a copy of that certificate to the person or a
11.12 representative of the legal entity with physical or legal custody of the body at the death site.
11.13 The certificate of removal shall be in the format provided by the commissioner that contains,
11.14 at least, the following information:

11.15 (1) the name of the deceased, if known;

11.16 (2) the date and time of removal;

11.17 (3) a brief listing of the type and condition of any personal property removed with the
11.18 body;

11.19 (4) the location to which the body is being taken;

11.20 (5) the name, business address, and license number of the individual making the removal;
11.21 and

11.22 (6) the signatures of the individual making the removal and, where possible, the individual
11.23 or representative of the legal entity with physical or legal custody of the body at the death
11.24 site.

11.25 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.90, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

11.26 Subd. 5. **Retention of certificate of removal.** A copy of the certificate of removal shall
11.27 be given, where possible, to the person or representative of the legal entity having physical
11.28 or legal custody of the body at the death site. The original certificate of removal shall be
11.29 retained by the individual making the removal and shall be kept on file, at the funeral
11.30 establishment to which the body was taken, for a period of three calendar years following
11.31 the date of the removal. If the removal was performed by a transfer care specialist not

employed by the funeral establishment to which the body was taken, the transfer care specialist must retain a copy of the certificate of removal at the transfer care specialist's business address as registered with the commissioner for a period of three calendar years following the date of removal. Following this period, and subject to any other laws requiring retention of records, the funeral establishment may then place the records in storage or reduce them to microfilm, microfiche, laser disc, or any other method that can produce an accurate reproduction of the original record, for retention for a period of ten calendar years from the date of the removal of the body. At the end of this period and subject to any other laws requiring retention of records, the funeral establishment may destroy the records by shredding, incineration, or any other manner that protects the privacy of the individuals identified in the records.

ARTICLE 2

BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSURE

Section 1. [148.9981] DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 148.9981 to 148.9995, the terms in this section have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Accredited school or educational program.** "Accredited school or educational program" means a school, university, college, or other postsecondary education program that, at the time the student completes the program, is accredited by a regional accrediting association whose standards are substantially equivalent to those of the North Central Association of Colleges and Postsecondary Education Institutions or an accrediting association that evaluates schools of behavior analysis, psychology, or education for inclusion of the education, practicum, and core function standards.

Subd. 3. **Advisory council.** "Advisory council" means the Behavior Analyst Advisory Council established in section 148.9994.

Subd. 4. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of Psychology established in section 148.90.

Subd. 5. **Certifying entity.** "Certifying entity" means the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or a successor organization or other organization approved by the board in consultation with the advisory council.

Subd. 6. **Client.** "Client" means an individual who is the recipient of behavior analysis services. Client also means "patient" as defined in section 144.291, subdivision 2, paragraph (g).

13.1 Subd. 7. **Licensed assistant behavior analyst.** "Licensed assistant behavior analyst"
13.2 or "assistant behavior analyst" means an individual who holds a valid license issued under
13.3 sections 148.9981 to 148.9995 to assist in the practice of applied behavior analysis.

13.4 Subd. 8. **Licensed behavior analyst.** "Licensed behavior analyst" or "behavior analyst"
13.5 means an individual who holds a valid license issued under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995
13.6 to engage in the practice of applied behavior analysis.

13.7 Subd. 9. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means an individual who holds a valid license issued
13.8 under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995.

13.9 Subd. 10. **Practice of applied behavior analysis.** (a) "Practice of applied behavior
13.10 analysis" means the design, implementation, and evaluation of social, instructional, and
13.11 environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior.
13.12 The practice of applied behavior analysis includes the empirical identification of functional
13.13 relations between behavior and environmental factors, known as functional behavioral
13.14 assessment and analysis. Applied behavior analysis interventions are based on scientific
13.15 research, direct and indirect observation, and measurement of behavior and environment
13.16 and utilize contextual factors, motivating operations, antecedent stimuli, positive
13.17 reinforcement, and other procedures to help individuals develop new behaviors, increase
13.18 or decrease existing behaviors, and emit behaviors under specific social, instructional, and
13.19 environmental conditions.

13.20 (b) The practice of applied behavior analysis does not include the diagnosis of psychiatric
13.21 or mental health disorders, psychological testing, neuropsychology, psychotherapy, cognitive
13.22 therapy, sex therapy, hypnotherapy, psychoanalysis, or psychological counseling.

13.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

13.24 Sec. 2. **[148.9982] DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY.**

13.25 Subdivision 1. **General.** The board, in consultation with the advisory council, must:

13.26 (1) adopt and enforce standards for licensure, licensure renewal, and the regulation of
13.27 behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts;

13.28 (2) issue licenses to qualified individuals under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995;

13.29 (3) carry out disciplinary actions against licensed behavior analysts and assistant behavior
13.30 analysts;

14.1 (4) educate the public about the existence and content of the regulations for behavior
14.2 analyst licensing to enable consumers to file complaints against licensees who may have
14.3 violated laws or rules the board is empowered to enforce; and

14.4 (5) collect license fees for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts as specified
14.5 under section 148.9995.

14.6 Subd. 2. **Rulemaking.** (a) The board, in consultation with the advisory council, may
14.7 adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 148.9981 to 148.9995.

14.8 (b) The board, in consultation with the advisory council, may adopt rules related to the
14.9 supervision requirements for licensed assistant behavior analysts.

14.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

14.11 Sec. 3. **[148.9983] REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.**

14.12 Subdivision 1. **General.** An individual seeking licensure as a behavior analyst or an
14.13 assistant behavior analyst must complete and submit a written application on forms provided
14.14 by the board together with the appropriate fee as specified under section 148.9995.

14.15 Subd. 2. **Requirements for licensure.** (a) An applicant for licensure as a behavior analyst
14.16 must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

14.17 (1) has a current and active national certification as a board-certified behavior analyst
14.18 issued by the certifying entity; or

14.19 (2) has completed the equivalent requirements for certification by the certifying entity,
14.20 including satisfactorily passing a psychometrically valid examination administered by a
14.21 nationally accredited credentialing organization.

14.22 (b) An applicant for licensure as an assistant behavior analyst must submit evidence
14.23 satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

14.24 (1) has a current and active national certification as an assistant behavior analyst issued
14.25 by the certifying entity; or

14.26 (2) has completed the equivalent requirements for certification by the certifying entity,
14.27 including satisfactorily passing a psychometrically valid examination administered by a
14.28 nationally accredited credentialing organization.

14.29 Subd. 3. **Background investigation.** The applicant must complete a background check
14.30 pursuant to section 214.075.

14.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

15.1 Sec. 4. **[148.9984] LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS.**

15.2 Subdivision 1. **Biennial renewal.** A license must be renewed every two years.

15.3 Subd. 2. **License renewal notice.** At least 60 calendar days before the renewal deadline
15.4 date, the board must mail a renewal notice to the licensee's last known address on file with
15.5 the board. The notice must include instructions for accessing an online application for license
15.6 renewal, the renewal deadline, and notice of fees required for renewal. The licensee's failure
15.7 to receive notice does not relieve the licensee of the obligation to meet the renewal deadline
15.8 and other requirements for license renewal.

15.9 Subd. 3. **Renewal requirements.** (a) To renew a license, a licensee must submit to the
15.10 board:

15.11 (1) a completed and signed application for license renewal;

15.12 (2) the license renewal fee as specified under section 148.9995; and

15.13 (3) evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee holds a current and active national
15.14 certification as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst from the certifying entity or
15.15 otherwise meets renewal requirements as established by the board, in consultation with the
15.16 advisory council.

15.17 (b) The application for license renewal and fee must be postmarked or received by the
15.18 board by the end of the day on which the license expires or the following business day if
15.19 the expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. A renewal application that is
15.20 not completed and signed, or that is not accompanied by the correct fee, is void and must
15.21 be returned to the licensee.

15.22 Subd. 4. **Pending renewal.** If a licensee's application for license renewal is postmarked
15.23 or received by the board by the end of the business day on the expiration date of the license
15.24 or the following business day if the expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday,
15.25 the licensee may continue to practice after the expiration date while the application for
15.26 license renewal is pending with the board.

15.27 Subd. 5. **Late renewal fee.** If the application for license renewal is postmarked or
15.28 received after the expiration date of the license or the following business day if the expiration
15.29 date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the licensee must pay a biennial renewal late
15.30 fee as specified by section 148.9995, in addition to the renewal fee, before the licensee's
15.31 application for license renewal will be considered by the board.

15.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 5. **[148.9985] EXPIRED LICENSE.**

(a) Within 30 days after the renewal date, a licensee who has not renewed their license must be notified by letter, sent to the last known address of the licensee in the board's file, that the renewal is overdue and that failure to pay the current fee and current biennial renewal late fee within 60 days after the renewal date will result in termination of the license.

(b) The board must terminate the license of a licensee whose license renewal is at least 60 days overdue and to whom notification has been sent as provided in paragraph (a). Failure of a licensee to receive notification is not grounds for later challenge of the termination. The former licensee must be notified of the termination by letter within seven days after board action, in the same manner as provided in paragraph (a).

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the board retains jurisdiction over a former licensee for complaints received after termination of a license regarding conduct that occurred during licensure.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 6. **[148.9986] PROHIBITED PRACTICE OR USE OF TITLES; PENALTY.**

Subdivision 1. Practice. Effective January 1, 2025, an individual must not engage in the practice of applied behavior analysis unless the individual is licensed under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995 as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst, or is exempt under section 148.9987. A psychologist licensed under sections 148.88 to 148.981 who practices behavior analysis is not required to obtain a license as a behavior analyst under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995.

Subd. 2. Use of titles. (a) An individual must not use a title incorporating the words "licensed behavior analyst," "behavior analyst," "licensed assistant behavior analyst," or "assistant behavior analyst," or use any other title or description stating or implying that they are licensed or otherwise qualified to practice applied behavior analysis, unless that person holds a valid license under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensed psychologist who practices applied behavior analysis within the psychologist's scope of practice may use the title "behavior analyst," but must not use the title "licensed behavior analyst" unless the licensed psychologist holds a valid license as a behavior analyst issued under sections 148.9981 to 148.9995.

Subd. 3. Penalty. An individual who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2025.

Sec. 7. [148.9987] EXCEPTIONS TO LICENSE REQUIREMENT.

(a) Sections 148.9981 to 148.9995 must not be construed to prohibit or restrict:

(1) the practice of an individual who is licensed to practice psychology in the state or an individual who is providing psychological services under the supervision of a licensed psychologist in accordance with section 148.925;

(2) the practice of any other profession or occupation licensed, certified, or registered by the state by an individual duly licensed, certified, or registered to practice the profession or occupation or to perform any act that falls within the scope of practice of the profession or occupation;

(3) an individual who is employed by a school district from providing behavior analysis services as part of the individual's employment with the school district, so long as the individual does not provide behavior analysis services to any person or entity other than as an employee of the school district or accept remuneration for the provision of behavior analysis services outside of the individual's employment with the school district;

(4) an employee of a program licensed under chapter 245D from providing the services described in section 245D.091, subdivision 1;

(5) teaching behavior analysis or conducting behavior analysis research if the teaching or research does not involve the direct delivery of behavior analysis services;

(6) providing behavior analysis services by an unlicensed supervisee or trainee under the authority and direction of a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst and in compliance with the licensure and supervision standards required by law or rule;

(7) a family member or guardian of the recipient of behavior analysis services from performing behavior analysis services under the authority and direction of a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst; or

(8) students or interns enrolled in an accredited school or educational program, or participating in a behavior analysis practicum, from engaging in the practice of applied behavior analysis while supervised by a licensed behavior analyst, licensed assistant behavior analyst, or instructor of an accredited school or educational program. These individuals must be designated as a behavior analyst student or intern.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensed psychologist may supervise an unlicensed supervisee, trainee, student, or intern who is engaged in the practice of behavior analysis if the supervision is authorized under the Minnesota Psychology Practice Act.

18.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

18.2 Sec. 8. **[148.9988] NONTRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES.**

18.3 A behavior analyst license or an assistant behavior analyst license is not transferable.

18.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

18.5 Sec. 9. **[148.9989] DUTY TO MAINTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION.**

18.6 All licensees and applicants for licensure must notify the board within 30 days of the
18.7 occurrence of:

18.8 (1) a change of name, address, place of employment, or home or business telephone
18.9 number; or

18.10 (2) a change in any other application information.

18.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

18.12 Sec. 10. **[148.999] DISCIPLINE; REPORTING.**

18.13 For purposes of sections 148.9981 to 148.9995, behavior analysts and assistant behavior
18.14 analysts are subject to the provisions of sections 148.941, 148.952 to 148.965, and 148.98.

18.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

18.16 Sec. 11. **[148.9991] COMPETENT PROVISION OF SERVICES.**

18.17 Subdivision 1. **Limits on practice.** Behavior analysts must limit practice to the client
18.18 populations and services for which the behavior analysts have competence or for which the
18.19 behavior analysts are developing competence.

18.20 Subd. 2. **Developing competence.** When a behavior analyst is developing competence
18.21 in a service, method, or procedure, or is developing competence to treat a specific client
18.22 population, the behavior analyst must obtain professional education, training, continuing
18.23 education, consultation, supervision or experience, or a combination thereof, necessary to
18.24 demonstrate competence.

18.25 Subd. 3. **Limitations.** A behavior analyst must recognize the limitations to the scope of
18.26 practice of applied behavior analysis. When the needs of a client appear to be outside the
18.27 behavior analyst's scope of practice, the behavior analyst must inform the client that there
18.28 may be other professional, technical, community, and administrative resources available to

the client. A behavior analyst must assist with identifying resources when it is in the best interest of a client to be provided with alternative or complementary services.

Subd. 4. Burden of proof. Whenever a complaint is submitted to the board involving a violation of this section, the burden of proof is on the behavior analyst to demonstrate that the elements of competence have been reasonably met.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 12. [148.9992] DUTY TO WARN; LIMITATION ON LIABILITY; VIOLENT BEHAVIOR OF PATIENT.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Other person" means an immediate family member or someone who personally knows the client and has reason to believe the client is capable of and will carry out a serious, specific threat of harm to a specific, clearly identified or identifiable victim.

(c) "Reasonable efforts" means communicating a serious, specific threat to the potential victim and, if unable to make contact with the potential victim, communicating the serious, specific threat to the law enforcement agency closest to the potential victim or the client.

(d) "Licensee" includes behavior analysis students, interns, and unlicensed supervisees who are participating in a behavior analysis practicum or enrolled in an accredited school or educational program.

Subd. 2. Duty to warn. The duty to predict, warn of, or take reasonable precautions to provide protection from violent behavior arises only when a client or other person has communicated to the licensee a specific, serious threat of physical violence against a specific, clearly identified or identifiable potential victim. If a duty to warn arises, the duty is discharged by the licensee if reasonable efforts are made to communicate the threat.

Subd. 3. Liability standard. If no duty to warn exists under subdivision 2, then no monetary liability and no cause of action may arise against a licensee for failure to predict, warn of, or take reasonable precautions to provide protection from a client's violent behavior.

Subd. 4. Disclosure of confidences. Good faith compliance with the duty to warn must not constitute a breach of confidence and must not result in monetary liability or a cause of action against the licensee.

Subd. 5. Continuity of care. Subdivision 2 must not be construed to authorize a licensee to terminate treatment of a client as a direct result of a client's violent behavior or threat of

20.1 physical violence unless the client is referred to another practitioner or appropriate health
20.2 care facility.

20.3 Subd. 6. **Exception.** This section does not apply to a threat to commit suicide or other
20.4 threats by a client to harm the client, or to a threat by a client who is adjudicated as a person
20.5 who has a mental illness and is dangerous to the public under chapter 253B.

20.6 Subd. 7. **Optional disclosure.** This section must not be construed to prohibit a licensee
20.7 from disclosing confidences to third parties in a good faith effort to warn or take precautions
20.8 against a client's violent behavior or threat to commit suicide for which a duty to warn does
20.9 not arise.

20.10 Subd. 8. **Limitation on liability.** No monetary liability and no cause of action or
20.11 disciplinary action by the board may arise against a licensee for disclosure of confidences
20.12 to third parties, for failure to disclose confidences to third parties, or for erroneous disclosure
20.13 of confidences to third parties in a good faith effort to warn against or take precautions
20.14 against a client's violent behavior or threat of suicide for which a duty to warn does not
20.15 arise.

20.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

20.17 Sec. 13. **[148.9993] INFORMED CONSENT.**

20.18 Subdivision 1. **Obtaining informed consent for services.** A behavior analyst must
20.19 obtain informed consent from the client or the client's legal guardian before initiating
20.20 services. The informed consent must be in writing, signed by the client, and include, at a
20.21 minimum, the following:

20.22 (1) consent for the behavior analyst to engage in activities that directly affect the client;

20.23 (2) the goals, purposes, and procedures of the proposed services;

20.24 (3) the factors that may impact the duration of the proposed services;

20.25 (4) the applicable fee schedule for the proposed services;

20.26 (5) the significant risks and benefits of the proposed services;

20.27 (6) the behavior analyst's limits under section 148.9991, including, if applicable,
20.28 information that the behavior analyst is developing competence in the proposed service,
20.29 method, or procedure, and alternatives to the proposed service, if any; and

20.30 (7) the behavior analyst's responsibilities if the client terminates the service.

21.1 Subd. 2. **Updating informed consent.** If there is a substantial change in the nature or
21.2 purpose of a service, the behavior analyst must obtain a new informed consent from the
21.3 client.

21.4 Subd. 3. **Emergency or crisis services.** Informed consent is not required when a behavior
21.5 analyst is providing emergency or crisis services. If services continue after the emergency
21.6 or crisis has abated, informed consent must be obtained.

21.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

21.8 Sec. 14. **[148.9994] BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

21.9 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Behavior Analyst Advisory Council is created and
21.10 composed of seven members appointed by the board. The advisory council consists of:

21.11 (1) one public member as defined in section 214.02;

21.12 (2) three members who are licensed behavior analysts;

21.13 (3) two members who are licensed assistant behavior analysts; and

21.14 (4) one member who is a licensed psychologist and, to the extent practicable, who
21.15 practices applied behavior analysis.

21.16 Subd. 2. **Administration.** The advisory council is established and administered under
21.17 section 15.059, except that the advisory council does not expire.

21.18 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory council must:

21.19 (1) advise the board regarding standards for behavior analysts and assistant behavior
21.20 analysts;

21.21 (2) assist with the distribution of information regarding behavior analyst standards;

21.22 (3) advise the board on enforcement of sections 148.9981 to 148.9995;

21.23 (4) review license applications and license renewal applications and make
21.24 recommendations to the board;

21.25 (5) review complaints and complaint investigation reports and make recommendations
21.26 to the board on whether disciplinary action should be taken and, if applicable, what type;

21.27 (6) advise the board regarding evaluation and treatment protocols; and

21.28 (7) perform other duties authorized for advisory councils under chapter 214 as directed
21.29 by the board to ensure effective oversight of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

21.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

22.1 **Sec. 15. [148.9995] FEES.**

23.1 (1) when a supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician is in the immediate
23.2 area and within audible or visual range of an animal and the unlicensed veterinary employee
23.3 treating the animal;

23.4 (2) the supervising veterinarian has met the requirements of a veterinarian-client-patient
23.5 relationship under section 156.16, subdivision 12; and

23.6 (3) the supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for the professional care given
23.7 to an animal by a person working under the veterinarian's direction.

23.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to
23.9 read:

23.10 Subd. 7a. **Licensed veterinary technician.** "Licensed veterinary technician" means a
23.11 person licensed by the board under section 156.077.

23.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to
23.13 read:

23.14 Subd. 10b. **Remote supervision.** "Remote supervision" means:

23.15 (1) a veterinarian is not on the premises but is acquainted with the keeping and care of
23.16 an animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or medically appropriate and timely
23.17 visits to the premises where the animal is kept;

23.18 (2) the veterinarian has given written or oral instructions to a licensed veterinary
23.19 technician for ongoing care of an animal and is available by telephone or other form of
23.20 immediate communication; and

23.21 (3) the employee treating the animal timely enters into the animal's medical record
23.22 documentation of the treatment provided, and the documentation is reviewed by the
23.23 veterinarian.

23.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to
23.25 read:

23.26 Subd. 12. **Veterinary technology.** "Veterinary technology" means the science and
23.27 practice of providing professional support to veterinarians, including the direct supervision
23.28 of unlicensed veterinary employees. Veterinary technology does not include veterinary
23.29 diagnosis, prognosis, surgery, or medication prescription.

24.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.07, is amended to read:

24.2 **156.07 LICENSE RENEWAL.**

24.3 Persons licensed under this chapter shall conspicuously display their license in their
24.4 principal place of business.

24.5 Persons now ~~qualified to practice veterinary medicine~~ licensed in this state, or who shall
24.6 hereafter be licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine ~~to engage in the practice as~~
24.7 veterinarians or veterinary technicians, shall periodically renew their license in a manner
24.8 prescribed by the board. The board shall establish license renewal fees and continuing
24.9 education requirements. The board may establish, by rule, an inactive license category, at
24.10 a lower fee, for licensees not actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine or
24.11 veterinary technology within the state of Minnesota. The board may assess a charge for
24.12 delinquent payment of a renewal fee.

24.13 Any person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in
24.14 this state pursuant to this chapter, shall be entitled to receive a license to continue to practice
24.15 upon making application to the board and complying with the terms of this section and rules
24.16 of the board.

24.17 Sec. 6. **[156.0721] INSTITUTIONAL LICENSURE.**

24.18 Subdivision 1. **Application and eligibility.** (a) Any person who seeks to practice
24.19 veterinary medicine while employed by the University of Minnesota and who is not eligible
24.20 for a regular license shall make a written application to the board for an institutional license
24.21 using forms provided for that purpose or in a format accepted by the board. The board shall
24.22 issue an institutional license to practice veterinary medicine to an applicant who:

24.23 (1) has obtained the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent from a
24.24 nonaccredited college of veterinary medicine. A graduate from an accredited college and
24.25 an applicant who has earned ECFVG or PAVE certificates should apply for a regular license
24.26 to practice veterinary medicine;

24.27 (2) has passed the Minnesota Veterinary Jurisprudence Examination;

24.28 (3) is a person of good moral character, as attested by five notarized reference letters
24.29 from adults not related to the applicant, at least two of whom are licensed veterinarians in
24.30 the jurisdiction where the applicant is currently practicing or familiar with the applicant's
24.31 clinical abilities as evidenced in clinical rotations;

24.32 (4) has paid the license application fee;

25.1 (5) provides proof of employment by the University of Minnesota;

25.2 (6) certifies that the applicant understands and agrees that the institutional license is
25.3 valid only for the practice of veterinary medicine associated with the applicant's employment
25.4 as a faculty member, intern, resident, or locum of the University of Minnesota College of
25.5 Veterinary Medicine or other unit of the University of Minnesota;

25.6 (7) provides proof of graduation from a veterinary college;

25.7 (8) completed a criminal background check as defined in section 214.075; and

25.8 (9) provides other information and proof as the board may require by rules and
25.9 regulations.

25.10 (b) The University of Minnesota may submit the applications of its employees who seek
25.11 an institutional license in a compiled format acceptable to the board, with any license
25.12 application fees in a single form of payment.

25.13 (c) The fee for a license issued under this subdivision is the same as for a regular license
25.14 to practice veterinary medicine in the state. License payment and renewal deadlines, late
25.15 payment fees, and other license requirements are also the same as for a regular license to
25.16 practice veterinary medicine.

25.17 (d) The University of Minnesota may be responsible for timely payment of renewal fees
25.18 and submission of renewal forms.

25.19 Subd. 2. **Scope of practice.** (a) An institutional license holder may practice veterinary
25.20 medicine only as related to the license holder's regular function at the University of
25.21 Minnesota. A person holding only an institutional license in this state must be remunerated
25.22 for the practice of veterinary medicine in the state solely from state, federal, or institutional
25.23 funds and not from the patient-owner beneficiary of the license holder's practice efforts.

25.24 (b) A license issued under this section must be canceled by the board upon receipt of
25.25 information from the University of Minnesota that the holder of the license has left or is
25.26 otherwise no longer employed at the University of Minnesota in this state.

25.27 (c) An institutional license holder must abide by all laws governing the practice of
25.28 veterinary medicine in the state and is subject to the same disciplinary action as any other
25.29 veterinarian licensed in the state.

26.1 **Sec. 7. [156.076] DIRECT SUPERVISION; UNLICENSED VETERINARY**

26.2 **EMPLOYEES.**

26.3 (a) An unlicensed veterinary employee may only administer medication or render
26.4 auxiliary or supporting assistance under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or
26.5 licensed veterinary technician.

26.6 (b) This section does not prohibit:

26.7 (1) the performance of generalized nursing tasks ordered by the veterinarian and
26.8 performed by an unlicensed employee on inpatient animals during the hours when a
26.9 veterinarian is not on the premises; or

26.10 (2) under emergency conditions, an unlicensed employee from rendering lifesaving aid
26.11 and treatment to an animal in the absence of a veterinarian if the animal is in a life-threatening
26.12 condition and requires immediate treatment to sustain life or prevent further injury.

26.13 **Sec. 8. [156.077] LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

26.14 Subdivision 1. Licensure; practice. (a) The board shall issue a license to practice as a
26.15 veterinary technician to an applicant who satisfies the requirements in this section and those
26.16 imposed by the board in rule. A licensed veterinary technician may practice veterinary
26.17 technology. A person may not use the title "veterinary technician" or the abbreviation "LVT"
26.18 unless licensed by the board.

26.19 (b) The board may adopt by rule additional licensure requirements or definitions for
26.20 veterinary technician titles.

26.21 Subd. 2. Applicants; qualifications. Application for a license to practice veterinary
26.22 technology in this state shall be made to the board on a form furnished by the board and
26.23 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is at least 18 years of
26.24 age, is of good moral character, and has met the following requirements:

26.25 (1) graduated from a veterinary technology program accredited or approved by the
26.26 American Veterinary Medical Association or Canadian Veterinary Medical Association;

26.27 (2) received a passing score for the Veterinary Technician National Examination;

26.28 (3) received a passing score for the Minnesota Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence
26.29 Examination; and

26.30 (4) completed a criminal background check.

27.1 Subd. 3. **Required with application.** A completed application must contain the following
27.2 information and material:

27.3 (1) the application fee set by the board, which is not refundable if permission to take the
27.4 jurisprudence examination is denied for good cause;

27.5 (2) proof of graduation from a veterinary technology program accredited or approved
27.6 by the American Veterinary Medical Association or Canadian Veterinary Medical
27.7 Association;

27.8 (3) affidavits from at least two licensed veterinarians and three adults who are not related
27.9 to the applicant that establish how long, when, and under what circumstances the references
27.10 have known the applicant and any other facts that may enable the board to determine the
27.11 applicant's qualifications; and

27.12 (4) if the applicant has served in the armed forces, a copy of the applicant's discharge
27.13 papers.

27.14 Subd. 4. **Temporary alternative qualifications.** (a) The board shall consider an
27.15 application for licensure submitted by a person before July 1, 2030, if the person provides
27.16 evidence satisfactory to the board that the person:

27.17 (1) is a certified veterinary technician in good standing with the Minnesota Veterinary
27.18 Medical Association; or

27.19 (2) has at least 4,160 hours actively engaged in the practice of veterinary technology
27.20 within the previous five years.

27.21 (b) Each applicant under this subdivision must also submit to the board affidavits from
27.22 at least two licensed veterinarians and three adults who are not related to the applicant that
27.23 establish how long, when, and under what circumstances the references have known the
27.24 applicant and any other facts that may enable the board to determine the applicant's
27.25 qualifications.

27.26 Sec. 9. **[156.078] NONRESIDENTS; LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

27.27 A credentialed veterinary technician duly admitted to practice in any state,
27.28 commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada that desires
27.29 permission to practice veterinary technology in this state shall submit an application to the
27.30 board on a form furnished by the board. The board shall review an application for transfer
27.31 if the applicant submits:

(1) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary technology or certification from the dean, registrar, or secretary of an accredited or approved college of veterinary technology or a certificate of satisfactory completion of the PAVE program;

(2) if requesting waiver of examination, evidence of meeting licensure requirements in the state of the applicant's original licensure;

(3) affidavits of two licensed practicing doctors of veterinary medicine or veterinary technicians residing in the United States or Canadian licensing jurisdiction in which the applicant is or was most recently practicing, attesting that they are well acquainted with the applicant, that the applicant is a person of good moral character, and that the applicant has been actively engaged in practicing or teaching in such jurisdiction;

(4) a certificate from the agency that regulates the conduct of practice of veterinary technology in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is or was most recently practicing, stating that the applicant is in good standing and is not the subject of disciplinary action or pending disciplinary action;

(5) a certificate from all other jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a currently active license or held a license within the past ten years, stating that the applicant is and was in good standing and has not been subject to disciplinary action;

(6) in lieu of the certificates in clauses (4) and (5), certification from the Veterinary Information Verification Agency that the applicant's licensure is in good standing;

(7) a fee as set by the board in form of check or money order payable to the board, no part of which shall be refunded should the application be denied;

(8) score reports on previously taken national examinations in veterinary technology, certified by the Veterinary Information Verification Agency or evidence of employment as a veterinary technician for at least three years;

(9) proof that the applicant received a passing score for the Minnesota Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence Examination; and

(10) proof of a completed criminal background check.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Authorized activities.** No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

(a) a person from rendering necessary gratuitous assistance in the treatment of any animal when the assistance does not amount to prescribing, testing for, or diagnosing, operating, or vaccinating and when the attendance of a licensed veterinarian cannot be procured;

29.1 (b) a person who is a regular student in an accredited or approved college of veterinary
29.2 medicine from performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or preceptors or working
29.3 under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

29.4 (c) a veterinarian regularly licensed in another jurisdiction from consulting with a licensed
29.5 veterinarian in this state;

29.6 (d) the owner of an animal and the owner's regular employee from caring for and
29.7 administering to the animal belonging to the owner, except where the ownership of the
29.8 animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter;

29.9 (e) veterinarians who are in compliance with ~~subdivision 6~~ section 156.0721 and who
29.10 are employed by the University of Minnesota from performing their duties with the College
29.11 of Veterinary Medicine, ~~College of Agriculture~~; Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory;
29.12 Agricultural Experiment Station; Agricultural Extension Service; Medical School; School
29.13 of Public Health; School of Nursing; or other unit within the university; or a person from
29.14 lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the university or in connection with a
29.15 continuing education course or seminar to veterinarians ~~or pathologists at the University of~~
29.16 ~~Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory~~;

29.17 (f) any person from selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide or herbicide;

29.18 (g) any person from engaging in bona fide scientific research or investigations which
29.19 reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;

29.20 (h) any employee of a licensed veterinarian from performing duties other than diagnosis,
29.21 prescription or surgical correction under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian,
29.22 who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee;

29.23 (i) a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine from working under the direct
29.24 personal instruction, control, or supervision of a veterinarian faculty member of the College
29.25 of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota in order to complete the requirements
29.26 necessary to obtain an ECFVG or PAVE certificate;

29.27 (j) a licensed chiropractor registered under section 148.01, subdivision 1a, from practicing
29.28 animal chiropractic; or

29.29 (k) a person certified by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board under
29.30 chapter 144E from providing emergency medical care to a police dog wounded in the line
29.31 of duty.

30.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.12, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

30.2 Subd. 4. **Titles.** It is unlawful for a person who has not received a professional degree
30.3 from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine, ~~or~~ ECFVG or PAVE
30.4 certification, or an institutional license under section 156.0721 to use any of the following
30.5 titles or designations: Veterinary, veterinarian, animal doctor, animal surgeon, animal dentist,
30.6 animal chiropractor, animal acupuncturist, or any other title, designation, word, letter,
30.7 abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that the person is qualified to practice
30.8 veterinary medicine.

30.9 Sec. 12. **REPEALER.**

30.10 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.12, subdivision 6, is repealed.

30.11 Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

30.12 This act is effective July 1, 2025.

30.13 **ARTICLE 4**

30.14 **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

30.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 150A.06, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

30.16 Subd. 1c. **Specialty dentists.** (a) The board may grant one or more specialty licenses in
30.17 the specialty areas of dentistry that are recognized by the Commission on Dental
30.18 Accreditation.

30.19 (b) An applicant for a specialty license shall:

30.20 (1) have successfully completed a postdoctoral specialty program accredited by the
30.21 Commission on Dental Accreditation, or have announced a limitation of practice before
30.22 1967;

30.23 (2) have been certified by a specialty board approved by the Minnesota Board of
30.24 Dentistry, or provide evidence of having passed a clinical examination for licensure required
30.25 for practice in any state or Canadian province, or in the case of oral and maxillofacial
30.26 surgeons only, have a Minnesota medical license in good standing;

30.27 (3) have been in active practice or a postdoctoral specialty education program or United
30.28 States government service at least 2,000 hours in the 36 months prior to applying for a
30.29 specialty license;

31.1 (4) if requested by the board, be interviewed by a committee of the board, which may
31.2 include the assistance of specialists in the evaluation process, and satisfactorily respond to
31.3 questions designed to determine the applicant's knowledge of dental subjects and ability to
31.4 practice;

31.5 (5) if requested by the board, present complete records on a sample of patients treated
31.6 by the applicant. The sample must be drawn from patients treated by the applicant during
31.7 the 36 months preceding the date of application. The number of records shall be established
31.8 by the board. The records shall be reasonably representative of the treatment typically
31.9 provided by the applicant for each specialty area;

31.10 (6) at board discretion, pass a board-approved English proficiency test if English is not
31.11 the applicant's primary language;

31.12 (7) pass all components of the National Board Dental Examinations;

31.13 (8) pass the Minnesota Board of Dentistry jurisprudence examination;

31.14 (9) abide by professional ethical conduct requirements; and

31.15 (10) meet all other requirements prescribed by the Board of Dentistry.

31.16 (c) The application must include:

31.17 (1) a completed application furnished by the board;

31.18 (2) a nonrefundable fee; and

31.19 (3) a copy of the applicant's government-issued photo identification card.

31.20 (d) A specialty dentist holding one or more specialty licenses is limited to practicing in
31.21 the dentist's designated specialty area or areas. The scope of practice must be defined by
31.22 each national specialty board recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

31.23 ~~(e) A specialty dentist holding a general dental license is limited to practicing in the~~
31.24 ~~dentist's designated specialty area or areas if the dentist has announced a limitation of~~
31.25 ~~practice. The scope of practice must be defined by each national specialty board recognized~~
31.26 ~~by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.~~

31.27 ~~(f)~~ (e) All specialty dentists who have fulfilled the specialty dentist requirements and
31.28 who intend to limit their practice to a particular specialty area or areas may apply for one
31.29 or more specialty licenses.

32.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 150A.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

32.2 Subd. 8. **Licensure by credentials; dental assistant.** (a) Any dental assistant may, upon
32.3 application and payment of a fee established by the board, apply for licensure based on an
32.4 evaluation of the applicant's education, experience, and performance record in lieu of
32.5 completing a board-approved dental assisting program for expanded functions as defined
32.6 in rule, and may be interviewed by the board to determine if the applicant:

32.7 (1) has graduated from an accredited dental assisting program accredited by the
32.8 Commission on Dental Accreditation ~~and~~ or is currently certified by the Dental Assisting
32.9 National Board;

32.10 (2) is not subject to any pending or final disciplinary action in another state or Canadian
32.11 province, or if not currently certified or registered, previously had a certification or
32.12 registration in another state or Canadian province in good standing that was not subject to
32.13 any final or pending disciplinary action at the time of surrender;

32.14 (3) is of good moral character and abides by professional ethical conduct requirements;

32.15 (4) at board discretion, has passed a board-approved English proficiency test if English
32.16 is not the applicant's primary language; and

32.17 (5) has met all expanded functions curriculum equivalency requirements of a Minnesota
32.18 board-approved dental assisting program.

32.19 (b) The board, at its discretion, may waive specific licensure requirements in paragraph
32.20 (a).

32.21 (c) An applicant who fulfills the conditions of this subdivision and demonstrates the
32.22 minimum knowledge in dental subjects required for licensure under subdivision 2a must
32.23 be licensed to practice the applicant's profession.

32.24 (d) If the applicant does not demonstrate the minimum knowledge in dental subjects
32.25 required for licensure under subdivision 2a, the application must be denied. If licensure is
32.26 denied, the board may notify the applicant of any specific remedy that the applicant could
32.27 take which, when passed, would qualify the applicant for licensure. A denial does not
32.28 prohibit the applicant from applying for licensure under subdivision 2a.

32.29 (e) A candidate whose application has been denied may appeal the decision to the board
32.30 according to subdivision 4a.

ARTICLE 5**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE**Section 1. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147A.09, subdivision 5, is repealed.

ARTICLE 6**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Requirements for a provisional license.** An applicant may be issued a provisional license if the applicant:

~~(1) was born in a foreign country;~~

~~(2) communicates in English as a second language;~~

~~(3) has taken the applicable examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards or similar examination body designated by the board;~~

~~(4) (1) has met the requirements of section 148E.055, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), (4), (5), and (6); or subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), (4), (5), and (6); or subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7); or subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), and (8); and~~

~~(5) (2) complies with the requirements of subdivisions 2 to 7.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2024.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.061, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Disciplinary or other action.** A licensee who is issued a provisional license is subject to the grounds for disciplinary action under section 148E.190. The board may also take action according to sections 148E.260 to 148E.270 if:

(1) the licensee's supervisor does not submit an evaluation as required by section 148D.063;

(2) an evaluation submitted according to section 148D.063 indicates that the licensee cannot practice social work competently and ethically; or

(3) the licensee does not comply with the requirements of subdivisions 1 to 7.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2024.

34.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.062, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

34.2 Subd. 3. **Types of supervision.** (a) ~~Twenty-five hours~~ Half of the supervision hours
34.3 required by subdivision 1 must consist of one-on-one in-person supervision. The supervision
34.4 must be provided either in person or via eye-to-eye electronic media while maintaining
34.5 visual contact.

34.6 (b) ~~Twelve and one-half hours~~ Half of the supervision hours must consist of one or more
34.7 of the following types of supervision:

34.8 (1) ~~in-person~~ one-on-one supervision provided in person or via eye-to-eye electronic
34.9 media while maintaining visual contact; or

34.10 (2) ~~in-person~~ group supervision provided in person, by telephone, or via eye-to-eye
34.11 electronic media while maintaining visual contact.

34.12 (c) ~~To qualify as in-person~~ Group supervision, ~~the group~~ must not exceed ~~seven members~~
34.13 ~~including the supervisor~~ six supervisees.

34.14 (d) Supervision must not be provided by email.

34.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

34.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.062, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

34.17 Subd. 4. **Supervisor requirements.** (a) The supervision required by subdivision 1 must
34.18 be provided by a supervisor who meets the requirements in section 148E.120 and has ~~either:~~

34.19 ~~(1) 5,000 hours experience engaged in authorized social work practice; or~~

34.20 ~~(2)~~ completed 30 hours of training in supervision, which may be satisfied by completing
34.21 academic coursework in supervision or continuing education courses in supervision as
34.22 defined in section 148E.010, subdivision 18.

34.23 (b) Supervision must be provided:

34.24 (1) if the supervisee is not engaged in clinical practice and the supervisee has a provisional
34.25 license to practice as a licensed social worker, by:

34.26 (i) a licensed social worker who has completed the supervised practice requirements;

34.27 (ii) a licensed graduate social worker who has completed the supervised practice
34.28 requirements;

34.29 (iii) a licensed independent social worker; or

34.30 (iv) a licensed independent clinical social worker;

(2) if the supervisee is not engaged in clinical practice and the supervisee has a provisional license to practice as a licensed graduate social worker, licensed independent social worker, or licensed independent clinical social worker, by:

(i) a licensed graduate social worker who has completed the supervised practice requirements;

(ii) a licensed independent social worker; or

(iii) a licensed independent clinical social worker;

(3) if the supervisee is engaged in clinical practice and the supervisee has a provisional license to practice as a licensed graduate social worker, licensed independent social worker, or licensed independent clinical social worker, by a licensed independent clinical social worker; or

(4) by a supervisor who meets the requirements in section 148E.120, subdivision 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2024.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.063, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Supervision plan.** (a) An applicant granted a provisional license must submit, on a form provided by the board, a supervision plan for meeting the supervision requirements in section 148D.062.

(b) The supervision plan must be submitted no later than 30 days after the licensee begins a social work practice position.

~~(c) The board may revoke a licensee's provisional license for failure to submit the supervision plan within 30 days after beginning a social work practice position.~~

~~(d)~~ (c) The supervision plan must include the following:

(1) the name of the supervisee, the name of the agency in which the supervisee is being supervised, and the supervisee's position title;

(2) the name and qualifications of the person providing the supervision;

(3) the number of hours of one-on-one ~~in-person~~ supervision and the number and type of additional hours of supervision to be completed by the supervisee;

(4) the supervisee's position description;

(5) a brief description of the supervision the supervisee will receive in the following content areas:

- 36.1 (i) clinical practice, if applicable;
- 36.2 (ii) development of professional social work knowledge, skills, and values;
- 36.3 (iii) practice methods;
- 36.4 (iv) authorized scope of practice;
- 36.5 (v) ensuring continuing competence; and
- 36.6 (vi) ethical standards of practice; and
- 36.7 (6) if applicable, a detailed description of the supervisee's clinical social work practice,
- 36.8 addressing:
- 36.9 (i) the client population, the range of presenting issues, and the diagnoses;
- 36.10 (ii) the clinical modalities that were utilized; and
- 36.11 (iii) the process utilized for determining clinical diagnoses, including the diagnostic
- 36.12 instruments used and the role of the supervisee in the diagnostic process.
- 36.13 ~~(e)~~ (d) The board must receive a revised supervision plan within 30 days of any of the
- 36.14 following changes:
- 36.15 (1) the supervisee has a new supervisor;
- 36.16 (2) the supervisee begins a new social work position;
- 36.17 (3) the scope or content of the supervisee's social work practice changes substantially;
- 36.18 (4) the number of practice or supervision hours changes substantially; or
- 36.19 (5) the type of supervision changes as supervision is described in section 148D.062.
- 36.20 ~~(f) The board may revoke a licensee's provisional license for failure to submit a revised~~
- 36.21 ~~supervision plan as required in paragraph (e).~~
- 36.22 ~~(g)~~ (e) The board must approve the supervisor and the supervision plan.
- 36.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.
- 36.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.063, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 36.25 Subd. 2. **Evaluation.** (a) When a licensee's supervisor submits an evaluation to the board
- 36.26 according to section 148D.061, subdivision 6, the supervisee and supervisor must provide
- 36.27 the following information on a form provided by the board:
- 36.28 (1) the name of the supervisee, the name of the agency in which the supervisee is being
- 36.29 supervised, and the supervisee's position title;

- 37.1 (2) the name and qualifications of the supervisor;
- 37.2 (3) the number of hours and dates of each type of supervision completed;
- 37.3 (4) the supervisee's position description;
- 37.4 (5) a declaration that the supervisee has not engaged in conduct in violation of the
- 37.5 standards of practice in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240;
- 37.6 (6) a declaration that the supervisee has practiced competently and ethically according
- 37.7 to professional social work knowledge, skills, and values; and
- 37.8 (7) on a form provided by the board, an evaluation of the licensee's practice in the
- 37.9 following areas:
- 37.10 (i) development of professional social work knowledge, skills, and values;
- 37.11 (ii) practice methods;
- 37.12 (iii) authorized scope of practice;
- 37.13 ~~(iv) ensuring continuing competence;~~
- 37.14 ~~(v)~~ (iv) ethical standards of practice; and
- 37.15 ~~(vi)~~ (v) clinical practice, if applicable.
- 37.16 (b) The supervisor must attest to the satisfaction of the board that the supervisee has met
- 37.17 or has made progress on meeting the applicable supervised practice requirements.

37.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

37.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision

37.20 to read:

37.21 **Subd. 2b. Qualifications for licensure by completion of provisional license**

37.22 **requirements as a licensed social worker (LSW).** To be licensed as a licensed social

37.23 worker, an applicant for licensure by completion of provisional license requirements must

37.24 provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

- 37.25 (1) completed all requirements under section 148D.061, subdivisions 1 to 6; and
- 37.26 (2) continues to meet the requirements of subdivision 2, clauses (1) and (3) to (6).

37.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

38.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
38.2 to read:

38.3 Subd. 3b. **Qualifications for licensure by completion of provisional license**
38.4 **requirements as a licensed graduate social worker (LGSW).** To be licensed as a licensed
38.5 graduate social worker, an applicant for licensure by completion of provisional license
38.6 requirements must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

38.7 (1) completed all requirements under section 148D.061, subdivisions 1 to 6; and

38.8 (2) continues to meet the requirements of subdivision 3, clauses (1) and (3) to (6).

38.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

38.10 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
38.11 to read:

38.12 Subd. 4b. **Qualifications for licensure by completion of provisional license**
38.13 **requirements as a licensed independent social worker (LISW).** To be licensed as a
38.14 licensed independent social worker, an applicant for licensure by completion of provisional
38.15 license requirements must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

38.16 (1) completed all requirements under section 148D.061, subdivisions 1 to 6; and

38.17 (2) continues to meet the requirements of subdivision 4, clauses (1), (2), and (4) to (7).

38.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

38.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
38.20 to read:

38.21 Subd. 5b. **Qualifications for licensure by completion of provisional license**
38.22 **requirements as a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW).** To be licensed
38.23 as a licensed independent clinical social worker, an applicant for licensure by completion
38.24 of provisional license requirements must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the
38.25 applicant:

38.26 (1) completed all requirements under section 148D.061, subdivisions 1 to 6; and

38.27 (2) continues to meet the requirements of subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3)
38.28 and (5) to (8).

38.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

Sec. 11. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering.

Column A

Column B

148D.061

148E.0551

148D.062

148E.116

148D.063

148E.126

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2024.

Sec. 12. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148D.061, subdivision 9, is repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2024.

ARTICLE 7

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Section 1. **[148B.331] GUEST LICENSURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) A nonresident of the state of Minnesota who is not seeking licensure in Minnesota and intends to practice marriage and family therapy in Minnesota must apply to the board for guest licensure. An applicant must apply for guest licensure at least 30 days prior to the expected date of practice in Minnesota and is subject to approval by the board or its designee.

(b) To be eligible for licensure under this section, the applicant must:

(1) have a license, certification, or registration in good standing to practice marriage and family therapy from another jurisdiction;

(2) have a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy from a regionally accredited institution or a degree in a related field from a regionally accredited institution with completed coursework meeting the educational requirements provided in Minnesota Rules, part 5300.0140, subpart 2;

(3) be of good moral character;

(4) have no pending complaints or active disciplinary or corrective actions in any jurisdiction;

(5) submit the required fee and complete the criminal background check according to section 214.075; and

(6) pay a fee to the board in the amount set forth in section 148B.392.

(c) A license issued under this section is valid for one year from the date of issuance and allows practice by the nonresident for a maximum of five months. The months in which the nonresident may practice under the license must be consecutive. A guest license is not renewable, but the nonresident may reapply for guest licensure, subject to continued eligibility under paragraph (b), following expiration of a guest license.

Subd. 2. **Other professional activity.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a nonresident of the state of Minnesota who is not seeking licensure in Minnesota may serve as an expert witness, organizational consultant, presenter, or educator without obtaining guest licensure, provided the nonresident is appropriately trained, educated, or has been issued a license, certificate, or registration by another jurisdiction.

Subd. 3. **Prohibitions and sanctions.** A person's privilege to practice under this section is subject to the prohibitions and sanctions for unprofessional or unethical conduct contained in Minnesota laws and rules for marriage and family therapy under this chapter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 148B.392, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Licensure and application fees.** Licensure and application fees established by the board shall not exceed the following amounts:

(1) application fee for national examination is \$150;

(2) application fee for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) ~~state examination~~ license is \$150;

(3) initial LMFT license fee is prorated, but cannot exceed \$225;

(4) annual renewal fee for LMFT license is \$225;

(5) late fee for LMFT license renewal is \$100;

(6) application fee for LMFT licensure by reciprocity is \$300;

(7) application fee for ~~initial~~ Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMFT) license is \$100;

(8) annual renewal fee for LAMFT license is \$100;

(9) late fee for LAMFT license renewal is \$50;

- 41.1 (10) fee for reinstatement of LMFT or LAMFT license is \$150;
- 41.2 (11) fee for LMFT emeritus license status is \$225; ~~and~~
- 41.3 (12) fee for temporary license for members of the military is \$100.; and
- 41.4 (13) fee for LMFT guest license is \$150.

41.5 **ARTICLE 8**

41.6 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

41.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 151.01, subdivision 23, is amended to read:

41.8 Subd. 23. **Practitioner.** "Practitioner" means a licensed doctor of medicine, licensed
41.9 doctor of osteopathic medicine duly licensed to practice medicine, licensed doctor of
41.10 dentistry, licensed doctor of optometry, licensed podiatrist, licensed veterinarian, licensed
41.11 advanced practice registered nurse, licensed certified midwife, or licensed physician assistant.
41.12 For purposes of sections 151.15, subdivision 4; 151.211, subdivision 3; 151.252, subdivision
41.13 3; 151.37, subdivision 2, paragraph (b); and 151.461, "practitioner" also means a dental
41.14 therapist authorized to dispense and administer under chapter 150A. For purposes of sections
41.15 151.252, subdivision 3, and 151.461, "practitioner" also means a pharmacist authorized to
41.16 prescribe self-administered hormonal contraceptives, nicotine replacement medications, or
41.17 opiate antagonists under section 151.37, subdivision 14, 15, or 16, or authorized to prescribe
41.18 drugs to prevent the acquisition of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) under section
41.19 151.37, subdivision 17.

41.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

41.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 151.01, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

41.22 Subd. 27. **Practice of pharmacy.** "Practice of pharmacy" means:

- 41.23 (1) interpretation and evaluation of prescription drug orders;
- 41.24 (2) compounding, labeling, and dispensing drugs and devices (except labeling by a
41.25 manufacturer or packager of nonprescription drugs or commercially packaged legend drugs
41.26 and devices);
- 41.27 (3) participation in clinical interpretations and monitoring of drug therapy for assurance
41.28 of safe and effective use of drugs, including the performance of laboratory tests that are
41.29 waived under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1988, United States Code,
41.30 title 42, section 263a et seq., provided that a pharmacist may interpret the results of laboratory

42.1 tests but may modify drug therapy only pursuant to a protocol or collaborative practice
42.2 agreement;

42.3 (4) participation in drug and therapeutic device selection; drug administration for first
42.4 dosage and medical emergencies; intramuscular and subcutaneous drug administration under
42.5 a prescription drug order; drug regimen reviews; and drug or drug-related research;

42.6 (5) drug administration, through intramuscular and subcutaneous administration used
42.7 to treat mental illnesses as permitted under the following conditions:

42.8 (i) upon the order of a prescriber and the prescriber is notified after administration is
42.9 complete; or

42.10 (ii) pursuant to a protocol or collaborative practice agreement as defined by section
42.11 151.01, subdivisions 27b and 27c, and participation in the initiation, management,
42.12 modification, administration, and discontinuation of drug therapy is according to the protocol
42.13 or collaborative practice agreement between the pharmacist and a dentist, optometrist,
42.14 physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, or veterinarian, or an advanced practice registered
42.15 nurse authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer under section 148.235. Any changes
42.16 in drug therapy or medication administration made pursuant to a protocol or collaborative
42.17 practice agreement must be documented by the pharmacist in the patient's medical record
42.18 or reported by the pharmacist to a practitioner responsible for the patient's care;

42.19 (6) participation in administration of influenza vaccines and vaccines approved by the
42.20 United States Food and Drug Administration related to COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 to all
42.21 eligible individuals six years of age and older and all other vaccines to patients 13 years of
42.22 age and older by written protocol with a physician licensed under chapter 147, a physician
42.23 assistant authorized to prescribe drugs under chapter 147A, or an advanced practice registered
42.24 nurse authorized to prescribe drugs under section 148.235, provided that:

42.25 (i) the protocol includes, at a minimum:

42.26 (A) the name, dose, and route of each vaccine that may be given;

42.27 (B) the patient population for whom the vaccine may be given;

42.28 (C) contraindications and precautions to the vaccine;

42.29 (D) the procedure for handling an adverse reaction;

42.30 (E) the name, signature, and address of the physician, physician assistant, or advanced
42.31 practice registered nurse;

- 43.1 (F) a telephone number at which the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice
43.2 registered nurse can be contacted; and
- 43.3 (G) the date and time period for which the protocol is valid;
- 43.4 (ii) the pharmacist has successfully completed a program approved by the Accreditation
43.5 Council for Pharmacy Education specifically for the administration of immunizations or a
43.6 program approved by the board;
- 43.7 (iii) the pharmacist utilizes the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection to
43.8 assess the immunization status of individuals prior to the administration of vaccines, except
43.9 when administering influenza vaccines to individuals age nine and older;
- 43.10 (iv) the pharmacist reports the administration of the immunization to the Minnesota
43.11 Immunization Information Connection; and
- 43.12 (v) the pharmacist complies with guidelines for vaccines and immunizations established
43.13 by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, except that a pharmacist
43.14 does not need to comply with those portions of the guidelines that establish immunization
43.15 schedules when administering a vaccine pursuant to a valid, patient-specific order issued
43.16 by a physician licensed under chapter 147, a physician assistant authorized to prescribe
43.17 drugs under chapter 147A, or an advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe
43.18 drugs under section 148.235, provided that the order is consistent with the United States
43.19 Food and Drug Administration approved labeling of the vaccine;
- 43.20 (7) participation in the initiation, management, modification, and discontinuation of
43.21 drug therapy according to a written protocol or collaborative practice agreement between:
- 43.22 (i) one or more pharmacists and one or more dentists, optometrists, physicians, physician
43.23 assistants, podiatrists, or veterinarians; or (ii) one or more pharmacists and one or more
43.24 physician assistants authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer under chapter 147A,
43.25 or advanced practice registered nurses authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer
43.26 under section 148.235. Any changes in drug therapy made pursuant to a protocol or
43.27 collaborative practice agreement must be documented by the pharmacist in the patient's
43.28 medical record or reported by the pharmacist to a practitioner responsible for the patient's
43.29 care;
- 43.30 (8) participation in the storage of drugs and the maintenance of records;
- 43.31 (9) patient counseling on therapeutic values, content, hazards, and uses of drugs and
43.32 devices;

(10) offering or performing those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management, and control of a pharmacy;

(11) participation in the initiation, management, modification, and discontinuation of therapy with opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, pursuant to:

(i) a written protocol as allowed under clause (7); or

(ii) a written protocol with a community health board medical consultant or a practitioner designated by the commissioner of health, as allowed under section 151.37, subdivision 13;

(12) prescribing self-administered hormonal contraceptives; nicotine replacement medications; and opiate antagonists for the treatment of an acute opiate overdose pursuant to section 151.37, subdivision 14, 15, or 16; ~~and~~

(13) participation in the placement of drug monitoring devices according to a prescription, protocol, or collaborative practice agreement; ~~;~~

(14) prescribing, dispensing, and administering drugs for preventing the acquisition of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) if the pharmacist meets the requirements in section 151.37, subdivision 17; and

(15) ordering, conducting, and interpreting laboratory tests necessary for therapies that use drugs for preventing the acquisition of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), if the pharmacist meets the requirements in section 151.37, subdivision 17.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 151.37, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 17. Drugs for preventing the acquisition of HIV. (a) A pharmacist is authorized to prescribe and administer drugs to prevent the acquisition of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in accordance with this subdivision.

(b) By January 1, 2025, the Board of Pharmacy shall develop a standardized protocol for a pharmacist to follow in prescribing the drugs described in paragraph (a). In developing the protocol, the board may consult with community health advocacy groups, the Board of Medical Practice, the Board of Nursing, the commissioner of health, professional pharmacy associations, and professional associations for physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses.

(c) Before a pharmacist is authorized to prescribe a drug described in paragraph (a), the pharmacist must successfully complete a training program specifically developed for

prescribing drugs for preventing the acquisition of HIV that is offered by a college of pharmacy, a continuing education provider that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, or a program approved by the board. To maintain authorization to prescribe, the pharmacist shall complete continuing education requirements as specified by the board.

(d) Before prescribing a drug described in paragraph (a), the pharmacist shall follow the appropriate standardized protocol developed under paragraph (b) and, if appropriate, may dispense to a patient a drug described in paragraph (a).

(e) Before dispensing a drug described in paragraph (a) that is prescribed by the pharmacist, the pharmacist must provide counseling to the patient on the use of the drugs and must provide the patient with a fact sheet that includes the indications and contraindications for the use of these drugs, the appropriate method for using these drugs, the need for medical follow up, and any additional information listed in Minnesota Rules, part 6800.0910, subpart 2, that is required to be provided to a patient during the counseling process.

(f) A pharmacist is prohibited from delegating the prescribing authority provided under this subdivision to any other person. A pharmacist intern registered under section 151.101 may prepare the prescription, but before the prescription is processed or dispensed, a pharmacist authorized to prescribe under this subdivision must review, approve, and sign the prescription.

(g) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits a pharmacist from participating in the initiation, management, modification, and discontinuation of drug therapy according to a protocol as authorized in this section and in section 151.01, subdivision 27.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2025, except that paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 9

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Optometry defined.** (a) Any person shall be deemed to be practicing optometry within the meaning of sections 148.52 to 148.62 who shall in any way:

(1) advertise as an optometrist;

(2) employ any means, including the use of autorefractors or other automated testing devices, for the measurement of the powers of vision or the adaptation of lenses or prisms for the aid thereof;

(3) possess testing appliances for the purpose of the measurement of the powers of vision;

(4) diagnose any disease, optical deficiency or deformity, or visual or muscular anomaly of the visual system consisting of the human eye and its accessory or subordinate anatomical parts;

(5) prescribe lenses, including plano or cosmetic contact lenses, or prisms for the correction or the relief of same;

(6) employ or prescribe ocular exercises, orthoptics, or habilitative and rehabilitative therapeutic vision care; or

(7) prescribe or administer legend drugs to aid in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, treatment, or management of disease, deficiency, deformity, or abnormality of the human eye and adnexa included in the curricula of accredited schools or colleges of optometry, and as limited by Minnesota statute and adopted rules by the Board of Optometry, or who holds oneself out as being able to do so.

(b) In the course of treatment, nothing in this section shall allow:

(1) legend drugs to be administered intravenously, intramuscularly, or by injection, except for treatment of anaphylaxis;

(2) invasive surgery including, but not limited to, surgery using lasers;

(3) Schedule II and III oral legend drugs ~~and oral steroids~~ to be administered or prescribed; or

(4) ~~oral antivirals to be prescribed or administered for more than ten days; or steroids to be prescribed or administered for more than 14 days without consultation with a physician.~~

~~(5) oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors to be prescribed or administered for more than seven days.~~

ARTICLE 10

BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The provisions of chapters 103I and 157 and sections 115.71 to 115.77; 144.12, subdivision 1, paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (10), (12), (13), (14), and (15); 144.1201 to 144.1204; 144.121; 144.1215; 144.1222; 144.35; 144.381 to 144.385; 144.411 to 144.417; 144.495; 144.71 to 144.74; 144.9501 to 144.9512; 144.97 to 144.98; 144.992; 147.037, subdivision 1b, paragraph (c); 326.70 to 326.785; 327.10 to 327.131; and 327.14 to 327.28 and all rules, orders, stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses, registrations, certificates, and permits adopted or issued by the department or under any other law now in force or later enacted for the preservation of public health may, in addition to provisions in other statutes, be enforced under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147.037, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1b. **Limited license.** (a) The board must issue a limited license to any person who satisfies the requirements of subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (g), and who:

(1) pursuant to a license or other authorization to practice, has practiced medicine, as defined in section 147.081, subdivision 3, clauses (2) to (4), for at least 60 months in the previous ten years outside of the United States, after completing a residency program or a postgraduate medical training program that is substantially similar to a residency program;

(2) submits sufficient evidence of an offer to practice within the context of a collaborative agreement within a hospital or clinical setting where the limited license holder and physicians work together to provide patient care;

(3) provides services in a designated rural area or underserved urban community as defined in section 144.1501; and

(4) submits two letters of recommendation in support of a limited license, which letters must include one from a physician with whom the applicant previously worked and one from an administrator of the hospital or clinical setting in which the applicant previously worked. The letters of recommendation must attest to the applicant's good medical standing.

(b) A person issued a limited license under this subdivision must not be required to present evidence satisfactory to the board of the completion of one year of graduate clinical medical training in a program accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the board.

(c) An employer of a limited license holder must pay the limited license holder at least an amount equivalent to a medical resident in a comparable field. The employer must carry medical malpractice insurance covering a limited license holder for the duration of the employment. The commissioner of health may issue a correction order under section 144.99, subdivision 3, requiring an employer to comply with this paragraph. An employer must not retaliate against or discipline an employee for raising a complaint or pursuing enforcement relating to this paragraph.

(d) The board must issue a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a person who holds a limited license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) and who has:

(1) held the limited license for two years and is in good standing to practice medicine in this state;

(2) practiced for a minimum of 1,692 hours per year for each of the previous two years; and

(3) submitted a letter of recommendation in support of a full and unrestricted license from any physician who participated in the collaborative agreement.

(e) A limited license holder must submit to the board, every six months or upon request, a statement certifying whether the person is still employed as a physician in this state and whether the person has been subjected to professional discipline as a result of the person's practice. The board may suspend or revoke a limited license if a majority of the board determines that the licensee is no longer employed as a physician in this state by an employer. The licensee must be granted an opportunity to be heard prior to the board's determination. A licensee may change employers during the duration of the limited license if the licensee has another offer of employment. In the event that a change of employment occurs, the licensee must still work the amount of hours required under paragraph (d), clause (2), to be eligible for a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine.

(f) For purposes of this subdivision, "collaborative agreement" means a mutually agreed upon plan for the overall working relationship and collaborative arrangement between a holder of a limited license and one or more physicians licensed under this chapter that designates the scope of services that can be provided to manage the care of patients. The limited license holder and one of the collaborating physicians must have experience in

providing care to patients with the same or similar medical conditions. The collaborating physician is not required to be physically present, but the limited license holder must have one-on-one practice reviews provided in person or through eye-to-eye electronic media while maintaining visual contact, with each collaborating physician, for at least two hours per month, and the collaborating physician and limited license holder can easily contact each other by radio, telephone, or other telecommunication device.

(g) The board must not grant a license under this section unless the applicant possesses federal immigration status that allows the applicant to practice as a physician in the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Acupuncture.** "Acupuncture" means a unique treatment technique that uses modern and traditional medical methods of diagnosis and treatment. It includes the insertion of filiform or acupuncture needles through the skin and may include the use of other biophysical methods of acupuncture point stimulation, including the use of heat, massage, or manual therapy techniques, or electrical stimulation. Acupuncture includes but is not limited to therapies termed "dry needling," "trigger point therapy," "intramuscular therapy," "auricular detox treatment," and similar terms referring to the insertion of needles past the skin for pain management, disease or symptom modification, or other related treatments.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Acupuncture and herbal medicine practice.** "Acupuncture and herbal medicine practice" means a comprehensive system of primary health care using Oriental medical theory and its unique methods of diagnosis and treatment. Its treatment techniques include the insertion of acupuncture needles through the skin and the use of other biophysical methods of acupuncture point stimulation, including the use of heat, Oriental massage techniques, electrical stimulation, herbal supplemental therapies, dietary guidelines, breathing techniques, and exercise based on Oriental medical principles that uses traditional and modern diagnosis, methodology, and treatment techniques based on acupuncture and herbal medicine theory, principles, and methods. Treatment techniques include but are not limited to acupuncture, cupping, dermal friction, therapeutic massage, herbal therapies, dietary and nutrition therapies, mind-body exercises, and other appropriate techniques.

50.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.01, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

50.2 Subd. 4. **Acupuncture needle.** "Acupuncture needle" means a needle designed
50.3 exclusively for ~~acupuncture~~ the purposes of insertion past the skin to alleviate pain, provide
50.4 symptom relief, or to modulate disease processes. It has a solid core, with a tapered point,
50.5 and is 0.12 mm to 0.45 mm in thickness. It is constructed of stainless steel, gold, silver, or
50.6 other board-approved materials as long as the materials can be sterilized according to
50.7 recommendations of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

50.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.01, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

50.9 Subd. 9. **Breathing techniques.** "Breathing techniques" means ~~Oriental~~ breathing
50.10 exercises taught to a patient as part of a treatment plan.

50.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.01, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

50.12 Subd. 14. **Herbal therapies or herbal medicine.** "Herbal therapies" ~~are~~ or "herbal
50.13 medicine" means the use of herbs and patent herbal remedies as supplements as part of the
50.14 treatment plan of the patient.

50.15 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

50.16 Subd. 2. **Board approval.** The board shall approve a continuing education program if
50.17 the program meets the following requirements:

50.18 (1) it directly relates to the practice of acupuncture;

50.19 (2) each member of the faculty shows expertise in the subject matter by holding a degree
50.20 or certificate from an educational institution, has verifiable experience in ~~traditional Oriental~~
50.21 acupuncture and herbal medicine, or has special training in the subject area;

50.22 (3) the program lasts at least one contact hour;

50.23 (4) there are specific written objectives describing the goals of the program for the
50.24 participants; and

50.25 (5) the program sponsor maintains attendance records for four years.

50.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

50.27 Subd. 3. **Continuing education topics.** (a) Continuing education program topics may
50.28 include; but are not limited to, ~~Oriental medical~~ acupuncture and herbal medicine theory
50.29 and techniques including ~~Oriental~~ massage; ~~Oriental~~ nutrition; ~~Oriental~~ herbology and diet

51.1 therapy; ~~Oriental exercise; western sciences such as~~ anatomy, physiology, biochemistry,
51.2 microbiology, psychology, ~~nutrition~~, history of medicine; and medical terminology or
51.3 coding.

51.4 (b) Practice management courses are excluded under this section.

51.5 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

51.6 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The advisory council to the Board of Medical Practice for
51.7 acupuncture consists of seven members appointed by the board to three-year terms. Four
51.8 members must be ~~licensed~~ acupuncture practitioners licensed in Minnesota, one member
51.9 must be a licensed physician or osteopathic physician who also practices acupuncture, one
51.10 member must be a licensed chiropractor who is NCCAOM certified, and one member must
51.11 be a member of the public who has received acupuncture treatment as a primary therapy
51.12 from a NCCAOM certified acupuncturist.

51.13 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

51.14 Subdivision 1. **Practice standards.** (a) Before treatment of a patient, an acupuncture
51.15 practitioner shall ask whether the patient has been examined by a licensed physician or other
51.16 professional, as defined by section 145.61, subdivision 2, with regard to the patient's illness
51.17 or injury, and shall review the diagnosis as reported.

51.18 (b) The practitioner shall obtain informed consent from the patient, after advising the
51.19 patient of the following information which must be supplied to the patient ~~in writing~~ before
51.20 or at the time of the initial visit:

51.21 (1) the practitioner's qualifications including:

51.22 (i) education;

51.23 (ii) license information; and

51.24 (iii) outline of the scope of practice of acupuncturists in Minnesota; and

51.25 (2) side effects which may include the following:

51.26 (i) some pain in the treatment area;

51.27 (ii) minor bruising;

51.28 (iii) infection;

51.29 (iv) needle sickness; or

51.30 (v) broken needles.

52.1 ~~(e) The practitioner shall obtain acknowledgment by the patient in writing that the patient~~
52.2 ~~has been advised to consult with the patient's primary care physician about the acupuncture~~
52.3 ~~treatment if the patient circumstances warrant or the patient chooses to do so.~~

52.4 ~~(d)~~ (c) The practitioner shall inquire whether the patient has a pacemaker or bleeding
52.5 disorder.

52.6 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

52.7 Subd. 4. **Scope of practice.** The scope of practice of acupuncture and herbal medicine
52.8 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

52.9 (1) ~~using Oriental medical theory to assess and diagnose a patient;~~ evaluation,
52.10 management, and treatment services using methods and techniques described in section
52.11 147B.01, subdivisions 2a, 3, and 14;

52.12 (2) ~~using Oriental medical theory to develop a plan to treat a patient. The treatment~~
52.13 ~~techniques that may be chosen include;~~ diagnostic examination, testing, and procedures
52.14 including physical examination, basic diagnostic imaging, and basic laboratory or other
52.15 diagnostic tests for the purposes of guiding treatment within the scope of practice of
52.16 acupuncture, herbal medicine, and herbal therapies, as described in section 147B.01,
52.17 subdivisions 2a, 3, and 14, provided that when results fall outside of the education, training,
52.18 and expertise of the licensed acupuncturists, or suggest serious or emergent conditions, the
52.19 acupuncturist will facilitate referrals to other appropriate health care providers;

52.20 ~~(i) insertion of sterile acupuncture needles through the skin;~~

52.21 ~~(ii) acupuncture stimulation including, but not limited to, electrical stimulation or the~~
52.22 ~~application of heat;~~

52.23 ~~(iii) cupping;~~

52.24 ~~(iv) dermal friction;~~

52.25 ~~(v) acupressure;~~

52.26 ~~(vi) herbal therapies;~~

52.27 ~~(vii) dietary counseling based on traditional Chinese medical principles;~~

52.28 ~~(viii) breathing techniques;~~

52.29 ~~(ix) exercise according to Oriental medical principles; or~~

52.30 ~~(x) Oriental massage.~~

53.1 (3) services included in the practice of acupuncture and herbal medicine, as defined in
53.2 section 147B.01, subdivision 3;

53.3 (4) stimulation of acupuncture points, areas of the body, or substances in the body using
53.4 acupuncture needles, heat, cold, color, light, infrared and ultraviolet, low-level or cold lasers,
53.5 sound, vibration, pressure, magnetism, electricity, electromagnetic energy, bleeding, suction,
53.6 or other devices or means;

53.7 (5) use of physical medicine modalities, procedures, and devices such as cupping, dermal
53.8 friction, acupressure, and massage, as described in section 147B.01, subdivisions 2a, 3, and
53.9 14;

53.10 (6) use of therapeutic exercises, breathing techniques, meditation, and use of biofeedback
53.11 devices and other devices that utilize heat, cold, color, light, infrared and ultraviolet, low-level
53.12 or cold lasers, sound, vibration, pressure, magnetism, electricity, and electromagnetic energy
53.13 for therapeutic purposes;

53.14 (7) dietary and nutritional counseling using methods and techniques of acupuncture and
53.15 herbal medicine; and

53.16 (8) counseling and education regarding physical, emotional, and spiritual balance in
53.17 lifestyle, using methods and techniques described in section 147B.01, subdivision 3.

53.18 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

53.19 Subd. 5. **Patient records.** An acupuncturist shall maintain a patient record for each
53.20 patient treated, including:

53.21 (1) a copy of the informed consent;

53.22 (2) evidence of a patient interview concerning the patient's medical history and current
53.23 physical condition;

53.24 (3) evidence of ~~a traditional acupuncture~~ examination and diagnosis;

53.25 (4) record of the treatment including points treated; and

53.26 (5) evidence of evaluation and instructions given to the patient.

53.27 Sec. 14. **REPEALER.**

53.28 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147B.01, subdivision 18, is repealed.

ARTICLE 11**BOARD OF NURSING**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **General.** Within the meaning of sections 147D.01 to 147D.27, a person who shall publicly profess to be a traditional midwife and who, for a fee, shall assist or attend to a woman in pregnancy, childbirth outside a hospital, and postpartum, shall be regarded as practicing traditional midwifery. A certified midwife licensed by the Board of Nursing under chapter 148G is not subject to the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.241, is amended to read:

148.241 EXPENSES.

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** The expenses of administering sections 148.171 to 148.285 and chapter 148G shall be paid from the appropriation made to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Subd. 2. **Expenditure.** All amounts appropriated to the board shall be held subject to the order of the board to be used only for the purpose of meeting necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the purposes of sections 148.171 to 148.285 and chapter 148G, and the duties imposed thereby as well as the promotion of nursing or certified midwifery education and standards of nursing or certified midwifery care in this state.

Sec. 3. [148G.01] TITLE.

This chapter shall be referred to as the Minnesota Certified Midwife Practice Act.

Sec. 4. [148G.02] SCOPE.

This chapter applies to all applicants and licensees, all persons who use the title certified midwife, and all persons in or out of this state who provide certified midwifery services to patients who reside in this state, unless there are specific applicable exemptions provided by law.

Sec. 5. [148G.03] DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter, the definitions in this section have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

55.1 Subd. 3. **Certification.** "Certification" means the formal recognition by the American
55.2 Midwifery Certification Board of the knowledge, skills, and experience demonstrated by
55.3 the achievement of standards identified by the American College of Nurse Midwives or any
55.4 successor organization.

55.5 Subd. 4. **Certified midwife.** "Certified midwife" means an individual who holds a current
55.6 and valid national certification as a certified midwife from the American Midwifery
55.7 Certification Board or any successor organization, and who is licensed by the board under
55.8 this chapter.

55.9 Subd. 5. **Certified midwifery practice.** "Certified midwifery practice" means:

55.10 (1) managing, diagnosing, and treating women's primary health care, including pregnancy,
55.11 childbirth, postpartum period, care of the newborn, family planning, partner care management
55.12 relating to sexual health, and gynecological care of women across the life span;

55.13 (2) ordering, performing, supervising, and interpreting diagnostic studies within the
55.14 scope of certified midwifery practice, excluding interpreting computed tomography scans,
55.15 magnetic resonance imaging scans, positron emission tomography scans, nuclear scans, and
55.16 mammography;

55.17 (3) prescribing pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapies appropriate to midwifery
55.18 practice;

55.19 (4) consulting with, collaborating with, or referring to other health care providers as
55.20 warranted by the needs of the patient; and

55.21 (5) performing the role of educator in the theory and practice of midwifery.

55.22 Subd. 6. **Collaborating.** "Collaborating" means the process in which two or more health
55.23 care professionals work together to meet the health care needs of a patient, as warranted by
55.24 the needs of the patient.

55.25 Subd. 7. **Consulting.** "Consulting" means the process in which a certified midwife who
55.26 maintains primary management responsibility for a patient's care seeks advice or opinion
55.27 of a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or another member of the health care
55.28 team.

55.29 Subd. 8. **Encumbered.** "Encumbered" means: (1) a license or other credential that is
55.30 revoked, suspended, or contains limitations on the full and unrestricted practice of certified
55.31 midwifery when the revocation, suspension, or limitation is imposed by a state licensing
55.32 board or other state regulatory entity; or (2) a license or other credential that is voluntarily
55.33 surrendered.

56.1 **Subd. 9. Licensure period.** "Licensure period" means the interval of time during which
56.2 the certified midwife is authorized to engage in certified midwifery. The initial licensure
56.3 period is from six to 29 full calendar months starting on the day of licensure and ending on
56.4 the last day of the certified midwife's month of birth in an even-numbered year if the year
56.5 of birth is an even-numbered year, or in an odd-numbered year if the year of birth is in an
56.6 odd-numbered year. Subsequent licensure renewal periods are 24 months. For licensure
56.7 renewal, the period starts on the first day of the month following expiration of the previous
56.8 licensure period. The period ends the last day of the certified midwife's month of birth in
56.9 an even- or odd-numbered year according to the certified midwife's year of birth.

56.10 **Subd. 10. Licensed practitioner.** "Licensed practitioner" means a physician licensed
56.11 under chapter 147, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under sections 148.171
56.12 to 148.235, or a certified midwife licensed under this chapter.

56.13 **Subd. 11. Midwifery education program.** "Midwifery education program" means a
56.14 university or college that provides a program of theory and practice that leads to the
56.15 preparation and eligibility for certification in midwifery and is accredited by the Accreditation
56.16 Commission for Midwifery Education or any successor organization recognized by the
56.17 United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

56.18 **Subd. 12. Patient.** "Patient" means a recipient of care provided by a certified midwife,
56.19 including an individual, family, group, or community.

56.20 **Subd. 13. Prescribing.** "Prescribing" means the act of generating a prescription for the
56.21 preparation of, use of, or manner of using a drug or therapeutic device under section 148G.09.
56.22 Prescribing does not include recommending the use of a drug or therapeutic device that is
56.23 not required by the federal Food and Drug Administration to meet the labeling requirements
56.24 for prescription drugs and devices.

56.25 **Subd. 14. Prescription.** "Prescription" means a written direction or an oral direction
56.26 reduced to writing provided to or for a patient for the preparation or use of a drug or
56.27 therapeutic device. The requirements of section 151.01, subdivisions 16, 16a, and 16b, apply
56.28 to prescriptions for drugs.

56.29 **Subd. 15. Referral.** "Referral" means the process in which a certified midwife directs
56.30 a patient to a physician or another health care professional for management of a particular
56.31 problem or aspect of the patient's care.

56.32 **Subd. 16. Supervision.** "Supervision" means monitoring and establishing the initial
56.33 direction, setting expectations, directing activities and courses of action, evaluating, and
56.34 changing a course of action in certified midwifery care.

57.1 Sec. 6. **[148G.04] CERTIFIED MIDWIFE LICENSING.**

57.2 Subdivision 1. **Licensure.** (a) No person shall practice as a certified midwife or serve
57.3 as the faculty of record for clinical instruction in a midwifery distance learning program
57.4 unless the certified midwife is licensed by the board under this chapter.

57.5 (b) An applicant for a license to practice as a certified midwife must apply to the board
57.6 in a format prescribed by the board and pay a fee in an amount determined under section
57.7 148G.11.

57.8 (c) To be eligible for licensure, an applicant must:

57.9 (1) not hold an encumbered license or other credential as a certified midwife or equivalent
57.10 professional designation in any state or territory;

57.11 (2) hold a current and valid certification as a certified midwife from the American
57.12 Midwifery Certification Board or any successor organization acceptable to the board and
57.13 provide primary source verification of certification to the board in a format prescribed by
57.14 the board;

57.15 (3) have completed a graduate level midwifery program that includes clinical experience,
57.16 is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education or any successor
57.17 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for
57.18 Higher Education Accreditation, and leads to a graduate degree. The applicant must submit
57.19 primary source verification of program completion to the board in a format prescribed by
57.20 the board. The primary source verification must verify the applicant completed three separate
57.21 graduate-level courses in physiology and pathophysiology; advanced health assessment;
57.22 and advanced pharmacology, including pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and
57.23 pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents;

57.24 (4) report any criminal conviction, nolo contendere plea, Alford plea, or other plea
57.25 arrangement in lieu of conviction; and

57.26 (5) not have committed any acts or omissions that are grounds for disciplinary action in
57.27 another jurisdiction or, if these acts were committed and would be grounds for disciplinary
57.28 action as set forth in section 148G.13, the board has found after an investigation that sufficient
57.29 remediation was made.

57.30 Subd. 2. **Clinical practice component.** If more than five years have elapsed since the
57.31 applicant has practiced in the certified midwife role, the applicant must complete a
57.32 reorientation plan as a certified midwife. The plan must include supervision during the
57.33 clinical component by a licensed practitioner with experience in providing care to patients

with the same or similar health care needs. The applicant must submit the plan and the name of the practitioner to the board. The plan must include a minimum of 500 hours of supervised certified midwifery practice. The certified midwife must submit verification of completion of the clinical reorientation to the board when the reorientation is complete.

Sec. 7. [148G.05] LICENSURE RENEWAL; RELICENSURE.

Subdivision 1. Renewal; current applicants. (a) A certified midwife must apply for renewal of the certified midwife's license before the certified midwife's licensure period ends. To be considered timely, the board must receive the certified midwife's application on or before the last day of the certified midwife's licensure period. A certified midwife's license lapses if the certified midwife's application is untimely.

(b) An applicant for certified midwifery renewal must provide the board evidence of current certification or recertification as a certified midwife by the American Midwifery Certification Board or any successor organization.

(c) An applicant for certified midwifery renewal must submit to the board the fee under section 148G.11, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. Clinical practice component. If more than five years have elapsed since the applicant has practiced as a certified midwife, the applicant must complete a reorientation plan as a certified midwife. The plan must include supervision during the clinical component by a licensed practitioner with experience in providing care to patients with the same or similar health care needs. The licensee must submit the plan and the name of the practitioner to the board. The plan must include a minimum of 500 hours of supervised certified midwifery practice. The certified midwife must submit verification of completion of the clinical reorientation to the board when the reorientation is complete.

Subd. 3. Relicensure; lapsed applicants. A person whose license has lapsed desiring to resume practice as a certified midwife must apply for relicensure, submit to the board satisfactory evidence of compliance with the procedures and requirements established by the board, and pay the board the relicensure fee under section 148G.11, subdivision 4, for the current period. A penalty fee under section 148G.11, subdivision 3, is required from a person who practiced certified midwifery without current licensure. The board must relicense a person who meets the requirements of this subdivision.

59.1 Sec. 8. **[148G.06] FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.**

59.2 Subdivision 1. Notification requirement. An individual licensed as a certified midwife
59.3 must notify the board when the individual renews their certification. If a licensee fails to
59.4 provide notification, the licensee is prohibited from practicing as a certified midwife.

59.5 Subd. 2. Denial of license. Refusal of an applicant to supply information necessary to
59.6 determine the applicant's qualifications, failure to demonstrate qualifications, or failure to
59.7 satisfy the requirements for a license contained in this chapter or rules of the board may
59.8 result in denial of a license. The burden of proof is upon the applicant to demonstrate the
59.9 qualifications and satisfaction of the requirements.

59.10 Sec. 9. **[148G.07] NAME CHANGE AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

59.11 A certified midwife must maintain a current name and address with the board and must
59.12 notify the board in writing within 30 days of any change in name or address. All notices or
59.13 other correspondence mailed to or served upon a certified midwife by the board at the
59.14 licensee's address on file with the board are considered received by the licensee.

59.15 Sec. 10. **[148G.08] IDENTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED MIDWIVES.**

59.16 Only those persons who hold a current license to practice certified midwifery in this
59.17 state may use the title of certified midwife. A certified midwife licensed by the board must
59.18 use the designation of CM for professional identification and in documentation of services
59.19 provided.

59.20 Sec. 11. **[148G.09] PRESCRIBING DRUGS AND THERAPEUTIC DEVICES.**

59.21 Subdivision 1. Diagnosing, prescribing, and ordering. Certified midwives, within the
59.22 scope of certified midwifery practice, are authorized to:

59.23 (1) diagnose, prescribe, and institute therapy or referrals of patients to health care agencies
59.24 and providers;

59.25 (2) prescribe, procure, sign for, record, administer, and dispense over-the-counter, legend,
59.26 and controlled substances, including sample drugs; and

59.27 (3) plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing durable
59.28 medical devices and equipment, nutrition, diagnostic services, and supportive services,
59.29 including but not limited to home health care, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

59.30 Subd. 2. Drug Enforcement Administration requirements. (a) Certified midwives
59.31 must:

60.1 (1) comply with federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requirements related
60.2 to controlled substances; and

60.3 (2) file the certified midwife's DEA registrations and numbers with the board, if any.

60.4 (b) The board must maintain current records of all certified midwives with DEA
60.5 registration and numbers.

60.6 **Sec. 12. [148G.10] FEES.**

60.7 The fees specified in section 148G.11 are nonrefundable and must be deposited in the
60.8 state government special revenue fund.

60.9 **Sec. 13. [148G.11] FEE AMOUNTS.**

60.10 Subdivision 1. **Licensure.** The fee for licensure is \$.....

60.11 Subd. 2. **Renewal.** The fee for licensure renewal is \$.....

60.12 Subd. 3. **Practicing without current certification.** The penalty fee for a person who
60.13 practices certified midwifery without a current certification or recertification, or who practices
60.14 certified midwifery without current certification or recertification on file with the board, is
60.15 \$200 for the first month or part of a month and an additional \$100 for each subsequent
60.16 month or parts of months of practice. The penalty fee must be calculated from the first day
60.17 the certified midwife practiced without a current certified midwife license and certification
60.18 to the last day of practice without a current license and certification, or from the first day
60.19 the certified midwife practiced without a current license and certification on file with the
60.20 board until the day the current license and certification is filed with the board.

60.21 Subd. 4. **Relicensure.** The fee for relicensure is \$..... The fee for practicing without
60.22 current licensure is two times the amount of the current renewal fee for any part of the first
60.23 calendar month, plus the current renewal fee for any part of each subsequent month up to
60.24 24 months.

60.25 Subd. 5. **Dishonored check fee.** The service fee for a dishonored check is as provided
60.26 in section 604.113.

60.27 **Sec. 14. [148G.12] APPROVED MIDWIFERY EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

60.28 Subdivision 1. **Initial approval.** An institution desiring to conduct a certified midwifery
60.29 program must submit evidence to the board that the institution is prepared to:

61.1 (1) provide a program of theory and practice in certified midwifery leading to eligibility
61.2 for certification in midwifery;

61.3 (2) achieve preaccreditation and eventual full accreditation by the American Commission
61.4 for Midwifery Education or any successor organization recognized by the United States
61.5 Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Instruction
61.6 and required experience may be obtained in one or more institutions or agencies outside
61.7 the applying institution if the program retains accountability for all clinical and nonclinical
61.8 teaching; and

61.9 (3) meet other standards established by law and by the board.

61.10 Subd. 2. **Continuing approval.** The board must, through the board's representative,
61.11 annually survey all midwifery programs in the state for current accreditation status by the
61.12 American Commission for Midwifery Education or any successor organization recognized
61.13 by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education
61.14 Accreditation. If the results of the survey show that a certified midwifery program meets
61.15 all standards for continuing accreditation, the board must continue approval of the certified
61.16 midwifery program.

61.17 Subd. 3. **Loss of approval.** If the board determines that an accredited certified midwifery
61.18 program is not maintaining the standards required by the American Commission on
61.19 Midwifery Education or any successor organization, the board must obtain the defect in
61.20 writing from the accrediting body. If a program fails to correct the defect to the satisfaction
61.21 of the accrediting body and the accrediting body revokes the program's accreditation, the
61.22 board must remove the program from the list of approved certified midwifery programs.

61.23 Subd. 4. **Reinstatement of approval.** The board must reinstate approval of a certified
61.24 midwifery program upon submission of satisfactory evidence that the certified midwifery's
61.25 program of theory and practice meets the standards required by the accrediting body.

61.26 Sec. 15. **[148G.13] GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

61.27 Subdivision 1. **Grounds listed.** The board may deny, revoke, suspend, limit, or condition
61.28 the license of any person to practice certified midwifery under this chapter or otherwise
61.29 discipline a licensee or applicant as described in section 148G.14. The following are grounds
61.30 for disciplinary action:

61.31 (1) failure to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfy the requirements for a license
61.32 contained in this chapter or rules of the board. In the case of a person applying for a license,

62.1 the burden of proof is upon the applicant to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfaction
62.2 of the requirements;

62.3 (2) employing fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice
62.4 certified midwifery;

62.5 (3) conviction of a felony or gross misdemeanor reasonably related to the practice of
62.6 certified midwifery. Conviction, as used in this subdivision, includes a conviction of an
62.7 offense that if committed in this state would be considered a felony or gross misdemeanor
62.8 without regard to its designation elsewhere, or a criminal proceeding where a finding or
62.9 verdict of guilt is made or returned, but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld or not
62.10 entered;

62.11 (4) revocation, suspension, limitation, conditioning, or other disciplinary action against
62.12 the person's certified midwife credential in another state, territory, or country; failure to
62.13 report to the board that charges regarding the person's certified midwifery license,
62.14 certification, or other credential are pending in another state, territory, or country; or failure
62.15 to report to the board having been refused a license or other credential by another state,
62.16 territory, or country;

62.17 (5) failure or inability to practice as a certified midwife with reasonable skill and safety,
62.18 or departure from or failure to conform to standards of acceptable and prevailing certified
62.19 midwifery, including failure of a certified midwife to adequately supervise or monitor the
62.20 performance of acts by any person working at the certified midwife's direction;

62.21 (6) engaging in unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to a departure from
62.22 or failure to conform to statutes relating to certified midwifery practice or to the minimal
62.23 standards of acceptable and prevailing certified midwifery practice, or in any certified
62.24 midwifery practice that may create unnecessary danger to a patient's life, health, or safety.
62.25 Actual injury to a patient need not be established under this clause;

62.26 (7) supervision or accepting the supervision of a midwifery function or a prescribed
62.27 health care function when the acceptance could reasonably be expected to result in unsafe
62.28 or ineffective patient care;

62.29 (8) actual or potential inability to practice certified midwifery with reasonable skill and
62.30 safety to patients by reason of illness; use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other material;
62.31 or as a result of any mental or physical condition;

63.1 (9) adjudication as mentally incompetent, mentally ill, a chemically dependent person,
63.2 or a person dangerous to the public by a court of competent jurisdiction, within or outside
63.3 of this state;

63.4 (10) engaging in any unethical conduct, including but not limited to conduct likely to
63.5 deceive, defraud, or harm the public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for
63.6 the health, welfare, or safety of a patient. Actual injury need not be established under this
63.7 clause;

63.8 (11) engaging in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted
63.9 by the patient as sexual, in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to
63.10 a patient, or in sexual exploitation of a patient or former patient;

63.11 (12) obtaining money, property, or services from a patient, other than reasonable fees
63.12 for services provided to the patient, through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress,
63.13 deception, or fraud;

63.14 (13) revealing a privileged communication from or relating to a patient except when
63.15 otherwise required or permitted by law;

63.16 (14) engaging in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of federal
63.17 Medicare and Medicaid laws or state medical assistance laws;

63.18 (15) improper management of patient records, including failure to maintain adequate
63.19 patient records, to comply with a patient's request made pursuant to sections 144.291 to
63.20 144.298, or to furnish a patient record or report required by law;

63.21 (16) knowingly aiding, assisting, advising, or allowing an unlicensed person to engage
63.22 in the unlawful practice of certified midwifery;

63.23 (17) violating a rule adopted by the board, an order of the board, or a state or federal
63.24 law relating to the practice of certified midwifery, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled
63.25 substance law;

63.26 (18) knowingly providing false or misleading information to a patient that is directly
63.27 related to the care of that patient unless done for an accepted therapeutic purpose such as
63.28 the administration of a placebo;

63.29 (19) aiding suicide or aiding attempted suicide in violation of section 609.215 as
63.30 established by any of the following:

63.31 (i) a copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation
63.32 of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2;

64.1 (ii) a copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction
64.2 issued under section 609.215, subdivision 4;

64.3 (iii) a copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under section 609.215,
64.4 subdivision 5; or

64.5 (iv) a finding by the board that the person violated section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2.
64.6 The board must investigate any complaint of a violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1
64.7 or 2;

64.8 (20) practicing outside the scope of certified midwifery practice as defined under section
64.9 148G.03, subdivision 5;

64.10 (21) making a false statement or knowingly providing false information to the board,
64.11 failing to make reports as required by section 148G.15, or failing to cooperate with an
64.12 investigation of the board as required by section 148G.17;

64.13 (22) engaging in false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading advertising;

64.14 (23) failure to inform the board of the person's certification or recertification status as
64.15 a certified midwife;

64.16 (24) engaging in certified midwifery practice without a license and current certification
64.17 or recertification by the American Midwifery Certification Board or any successor
64.18 organization; or

64.19 (25) failure to maintain appropriate professional boundaries with a patient. A certified
64.20 midwife must not engage in practices that create an unacceptable risk of patient harm or of
64.21 the impairment of a certified midwife's objectivity or professional judgment. A certified
64.22 midwife must not act or fail to act in a way that, as judged by a reasonable and prudent
64.23 certified midwife, inappropriately encourages the patient to relate to the certified midwife
64.24 outside of the boundaries of the professional relationship, or in a way that interferes with
64.25 the patient's ability to benefit from certified midwife services. A certified midwife must not
64.26 use the professional relationship with a patient, student, supervisee, or intern to further the
64.27 certified midwife's personal, emotional, financial, sexual, religious, political, or business
64.28 benefit or interests.

64.29 Subd. 2. **Conviction of a felony-level criminal sexual offense.** (a) Except as provided
64.30 in paragraph (e), the board must not grant or renew a license to practice certified midwifery
64.31 to any person who has been convicted on or after August 1, 2014, of any of the provisions
64.32 of section 609.342, subdivision 1; 609.343, subdivision 1; 609.344, subdivision 1, paragraphs

65.1 (c) to (o); or 609.345, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) to (o); or a similar statute in another
65.2 jurisdiction.

65.3 (b) A license to practice certified midwifery is automatically revoked if the licensee is
65.4 convicted of an offense listed in paragraph (a).

65.5 (c) A license to practice certified midwifery that has been denied or revoked under this
65.6 subdivision is not subject to chapter 364.

65.7 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "conviction" means a plea of guilty, a verdict of
65.8 guilty by a jury, or a finding of guilty by the court, unless the court stays imposition or
65.9 execution of the sentence and final disposition of the case is accomplished at a nonfelony
65.10 level.

65.11 (e) The board may establish criteria whereby an individual convicted of an offense listed
65.12 in paragraph (a) may become licensed if the criteria:

65.13 (1) utilize a rebuttable presumption that the applicant is not suitable for licensing;

65.14 (2) provide a standard for overcoming the presumption; and

65.15 (3) require that a minimum of ten years has elapsed since the applicant's sentence was
65.16 discharged.

65.17 (f) The board must not consider an application under paragraph (e) if the board determines
65.18 that the victim involved in the offense was a patient or a client of the applicant at the time
65.19 of the offense.

65.20 Subd. 3. **Evidence.** In disciplinary actions alleging a violation of subdivision 1, clause
65.21 (3) or (4), or subdivision 2, a copy of the judgment or proceeding under the seal of the court
65.22 administrator or of the administrative agency that entered the same is admissible into evidence
65.23 without further authentication and constitutes prima facie evidence of the violation concerned.

65.24 Subd. 4. **Examination; access to medical data.** (a) If the board has probable cause to
65.25 believe that grounds for disciplinary action exist under subdivision 1, clause (8) or (9), it
65.26 may direct the applicant or certified midwife to submit to a mental or physical examination
65.27 or chemical dependency evaluation. For the purpose of this subdivision, when a certified
65.28 midwife licensed under this chapter is directed in writing by the board to submit to a mental
65.29 or physical examination or chemical dependency evaluation, that person is considered to
65.30 have consented and to have waived all objections to admissibility on the grounds of privilege.
65.31 Failure of the applicant or certified midwife to submit to an examination when directed
65.32 constitutes an admission of the allegations against the applicant or certified midwife, unless
65.33 the failure was due to circumstances beyond the person's control, and the board may enter

a default and final order without taking testimony or allowing evidence to be presented. A certified midwife affected under this paragraph must, at reasonable intervals, be given an opportunity to demonstrate that the competent practice of certified midwifery can be resumed with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Neither the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the board in a proceeding under this paragraph may be used against a certified midwife in any other proceeding.

(b) Notwithstanding sections 13.384, 144.651, and 595.02, or any other law limiting access to medical or other health data, the board may obtain medical data and health records relating to a certified midwife or applicant for a license without that person's consent if the board has probable cause to believe that grounds for disciplinary action exist under subdivision 1, clause (8) or (9). The medical data may be requested from a provider, as defined in section 144.291, subdivision 2, paragraph (h); an insurance company; or a government agency, including the Department of Human Services. A provider, insurance company, or government agency must comply with any written request of the board under this subdivision and is not liable in any action for damages for releasing the data requested by the board if the data are released pursuant to a written request under this subdivision, unless the information is false and the provider giving the information knew or had reason to believe the information was false. Information obtained under this subdivision is classified as private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02.

Sec. 16. [148G.14] FORMS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION; AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION; REISSUANCE.

Subdivision 1. **Forms of disciplinary action.** If the board finds that grounds for disciplinary action exist under section 148G.13, it may take one or more of the following actions:

(1) deny the license application or licensure renewal;

(2) revoke the license;

(3) suspend the license;

(4) impose limitations on the certified midwife's practice of certified midwifery including but not limited to limitation of scope of practice or the requirement of practice under supervision;

(5) impose conditions on the retention of the license, including but not limited to the imposition of retraining or rehabilitation requirements or the conditioning of continued

67.1 practice on demonstration of knowledge or skills by appropriate examination, monitoring,
67.2 or other review;

67.3 (6) impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for each separate violation. The amount
67.4 of the civil penalty must be fixed so as to deprive the certified midwife of any economic
67.5 advantage gained by reason of the violation charged; to reimburse the board for the cost of
67.6 counsel, investigation, and proceeding; and to discourage repeated violations;

67.7 (7) order the certified midwife to provide unremunerated service;

67.8 (8) censure or reprimand the certified midwife; or

67.9 (9) any other action justified by the facts in the case.

67.10 Subd. 2. **Automatic suspension of license.** (a) Unless the board orders otherwise, a
67.11 license to practice certified midwifery is automatically suspended if:

67.12 (1) a guardian of a certified midwife is appointed by order of a court under sections
67.13 524.5-101 to 524.5-502;

67.14 (2) the certified midwife is committed by order of a court under chapter 253B; or

67.15 (3) the certified midwife is determined to be mentally incompetent, mentally ill,
67.16 chemically dependent, or a person dangerous to the public by a court of competent
67.17 jurisdiction within or outside of this state.

67.18 (b) The license remains suspended until the certified midwife is restored to capacity by
67.19 a court and, upon petition by the certified midwife, the suspension is terminated by the
67.20 board after a hearing or upon agreement between the board and the certified midwife.

67.21 Subd. 3. **Temporary suspension of license.** In addition to any other remedy provided
67.22 by law, the board may, through its designated board member under section 214.10,
67.23 subdivision 2, temporarily suspend the license of a certified midwife without a hearing if
67.24 the board finds that there is probable cause to believe the certified midwife has violated a
67.25 statute or rule the board is empowered to enforce and continued practice by the certified
67.26 midwife would create a serious risk of harm to others. The suspension takes effect upon
67.27 written notice to the certified midwife, served by first-class mail, specifying the statute or
67.28 rule violated. The suspension must remain in effect until the board issues a temporary stay
67.29 of suspension or a final order in the matter after a hearing or upon agreement between the
67.30 board and the certified midwife. At the time it issues the suspension notice, the board must
67.31 schedule a disciplinary hearing to be held under the Administrative Procedure Act. The
67.32 board must provide the certified midwife at least 20 days' notice of any hearing held under

this subdivision. The board must schedule the hearing to begin no later than 30 days after the issuance of the suspension order.

Subd. 4. **Reissuance.** The board may reinstate and reissue a license certificate to practice certified midwifery, but as a condition may impose any disciplinary or corrective measure that it might originally have imposed. Any person whose license has been revoked, suspended, or limited may have the license reinstated and a new license issued when, at the discretion of the board, the action is warranted, provided that the board must require the person to pay the costs of the proceedings resulting in the revocation, suspension, or limitation of the license; the reinstatement of the license; and the fee for the current licensure period. The cost of proceedings includes but is not limited to the cost paid by the board to the Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General for legal and investigative services; the costs of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses; and the costs of board members' per diem reimbursements, travel costs, and expenses.

Sec. 17. [148G.15] REPORTING OBLIGATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Permission to report.** A person who has knowledge of any conduct constituting grounds for discipline under section 148G.13 may report the alleged violation to the board.

Subd. 2. **Institutions.** The chief nursing executive or chief administrative officer of any hospital, clinic, prepaid medical plan, or other health care institution or organization located in this state must report to the board any action taken by the institution or organization or any of its administrators or committees to revoke, suspend, limit, or condition a certified midwife's privilege to practice in the institution, or as part of the organization, any denial of privileges, any dismissal from employment, or any other disciplinary action. The institution or organization must also report the resignation of any certified midwife before the conclusion of any disciplinary proceeding, or before commencement of formal charges, but after the certified midwife had knowledge that formal charges were contemplated or in preparation. The reporting described by this subdivision is required only if the action pertains to grounds for disciplinary action under section 148G.13.

Subd. 3. **Licensed professionals.** A person licensed by a health-related licensing board as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, must report to the board personal knowledge of any conduct the person reasonably believes constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under section 148G.13 by any certified midwife, including conduct indicating that the certified midwife may be incompetent, may have engaged in unprofessional or unethical

69.1 conduct, or may be mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of certified
69.2 midwifery.

69.3 Subd. 4. **Insurers.** (a) By the first day of February, May, August, and November, each
69.4 insurer authorized to sell insurance described in section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (13),
69.5 and providing professional liability insurance to certified midwives must submit to the board
69.6 a report concerning any certified midwife against whom a malpractice award has been made
69.7 or who has been a party to a settlement. The report must contain at least the following
69.8 information:

69.9 (1) the total number of settlements or awards;

69.10 (2) the date a settlement or award was made;

69.11 (3) the allegations contained in the claim or complaint leading to the settlement or award;

69.12 (4) the dollar amount of each malpractice settlement or award and whether that amount
69.13 was paid as a result of a settlement or of an award; and

69.14 (5) the name and address of the practice of the certified midwife against whom an award
69.15 was made or with whom a settlement was made.

69.16 (b) An insurer must also report to the board any information it possesses that tends to
69.17 substantiate a charge that a certified midwife may have engaged in conduct in violation of
69.18 this chapter.

69.19 Subd. 5. **Courts.** The court administrator of district court or another court of competent
69.20 jurisdiction must report to the board any judgment or other determination of the court that
69.21 adjudges or includes a finding that a certified midwife is a person who is mentally ill,
69.22 mentally incompetent, chemically dependent, dangerous to the public, guilty of a felony or
69.23 gross misdemeanor, guilty of a violation of federal or state narcotics laws or controlled
69.24 substances act, guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or
69.25 a controlled substance, or guilty of an abuse or fraud under Medicare or Medicaid; or if the
69.26 court appoints a guardian of the certified midwife under sections 524.5-101 to 524.5-502
69.27 or commits a certified midwife under chapter 253B.

69.28 Subd. 6. **Deadlines; forms.** Reports required by subdivisions 2 to 5 must be submitted
69.29 no later than 30 days after the occurrence of the reportable event or transaction. The board
69.30 may provide forms for the submission of reports required by this section, may require that
69.31 the reports be submitted on the forms provided, and may adopt rules necessary to ensure
69.32 prompt and accurate reporting. The board must review all reports, including those submitted
69.33 after the deadline.

Subd. 7. **Failure to report.** Any person, institution, insurer, or organization that fails to report as required under subdivisions 2 to 6 is subject to civil penalties for failing to report as required by law.

Sec. 18. **[148G.16] IMMUNITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Reporting.** Any person, health care facility, business, or organization is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for submitting in good faith a report to the board under section 148G.15 or for otherwise reporting in good faith to the board violations or alleged violations of this chapter. All such reports are investigative data as defined in chapter 13.

Subd. 2. **Investigation.** (a) Members of the board and persons employed by the board or engaged in the investigation of violations and in the preparation and management of charges of violations of this chapter on behalf of the board, or persons participating in the investigation or testifying regarding charges of violations, are immune from civil liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under this chapter.

(b) Members of the board and persons employed by the board or engaged in maintaining records and making reports regarding adverse health care events are immune from civil liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under this chapter.

Sec. 19. **[148G.17] CERTIFIED MIDWIFE COOPERATION.**

A certified midwife who is the subject of an investigation by or on behalf of the board must cooperate fully with the investigation. Cooperation includes responding fully and promptly to any question raised by or on behalf of the board relating to the subject of the investigation and providing copies of patient or other records in the certified midwife's possession, as reasonably requested by the board, to assist the board in its investigation and to appear at conferences and hearings scheduled by the board. The board must pay for copies requested. If the board does not have written consent from a patient permitting access to the patient's records, the certified midwife must delete any data in the record that identify the patient before providing it to the board. The board must maintain any records obtained pursuant to this section as investigative data under chapter 13. The certified midwife must not be excused from giving testimony or producing any documents, books, records, or correspondence on the grounds of self-incrimination, but the testimony or evidence must not be used against the certified midwife in any criminal case.

71.1 Sec. 20. [148G.18] DISCIPLINARY RECORD ON JUDICIAL REVIEW.

71.2 Upon judicial review of any board disciplinary action taken under this chapter, the
71.3 reviewing court must seal the administrative record, except for the board's final decision,
71.4 and must not make the administrative record available to the public.

71.5 Sec. 21. [148G.19] EXEMPTIONS.

71.6 The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit:

71.7 (1) the furnishing of certified midwifery assistance in an emergency;

71.8 (2) the practice of certified midwifery by any legally qualified certified midwife of
71.9 another state who is employed by the United States government or any bureau, division, or
71.10 agency thereof while in the discharge of official duties;

71.11 (3) the practice of any profession or occupation licensed by the state, other than certified
71.12 midwifery, by any person licensed to practice the profession or occupation, or the
71.13 performance by a person of any acts properly coming within the scope of the profession,
71.14 occupation, or license;

71.15 (4) the practice of traditional midwifery as specified under section 147D.03;

71.16 (5) certified midwifery practice by a student practicing under the supervision of an
71.17 instructor while the student is enrolled in an approved certified midwifery education program;
71.18 or

71.19 (6) certified midwifery practice by a certified midwife licensed in another state, territory,
71.20 or jurisdiction who is in Minnesota temporarily;

71.21 (i) providing continuing or in-service education;

71.22 (ii) serving as a guest lecturer;

71.23 (iii) presenting at a conference; or

71.24 (iv) teaching didactic content via distance education to a student located in Minnesota
71.25 who is enrolled in a formal, structured course of study, such as a course leading to a higher
71.26 degree in midwifery.

71.27 Sec. 22. [148G.20] VIOLATIONS; PENALTY.

71.28 Subdivision 1. **Violations described.** It is unlawful for any person, corporation, firm,
71.29 or association to:

- 72.1 (1) sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any certified midwifery diploma, license, or
72.2 record, or aid or abet therein;
- 72.3 (2) practice certified midwifery under cover of any diploma, permit, license certified
72.4 midwife credential, or record illegally or fraudulently obtained or signed or issued unlawfully
72.5 or under fraudulent representation;
- 72.6 (3) practice certified midwifery unless the person is licensed to do so under this chapter;
- 72.7 (4) use the professional title certified midwife or licensed certified midwife unless
72.8 licensed to practice certified midwifery under this chapter;
- 72.9 (5) use any abbreviation or other designation tending to imply licensure as a certified
72.10 midwife unless licensed to practice certified midwifery under this chapter;
- 72.11 (6) practice certified midwifery in a manner prohibited by the board in any limitation
72.12 of a license issued under this chapter;
- 72.13 (7) practice certified midwifery during the time a license issued under this section is
72.14 suspended or revoked;
- 72.15 (8) knowingly employ persons in the practice of certified midwifery who have not been
72.16 issued a current license to practice as a certified midwife in this state; or
- 72.17 (9) conduct a certified midwifery program for the education of persons to become certified
72.18 midwives unless the program has been approved by the board.
- 72.19 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** Any person, corporation, or association violating any provision of
72.20 subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and must be punished according to law.
- 72.21 Subd. 3. **Penalty; certified midwives.** In addition to subdivision 2, a certified midwife
72.22 who practices certified midwifery without a current license and certification or recertification,
72.23 or without current certification or recertification on file with the board, must pay a penalty
72.24 fee of \$200 for the first month or part of a month and an additional \$100 for each subsequent
72.25 month or parts of months of practice. The amount of the penalty fee must be calculated
72.26 from the first day the certified midwife practiced without a current certified midwife license
72.27 and certification to the last day of practice without a current license and certification, or
72.28 from the first day the certified midwife practiced without a current license and certification
72.29 on file with the board until the day the current license and certification is filed with the
72.30 board.

73.1 Sec. 23. **[148G.21] UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY.**

73.2 The practice of certified midwifery by any person who is not licensed to practice certified
73.3 midwifery under this chapter, or whose license has been suspended or revoked, or whose
73.4 national certification credential has expired, is inimical to the public health and welfare and
73.5 constitutes a public nuisance. Upon a complaint being made by the board or any prosecuting
73.6 officer, and upon a proper showing of the facts, the district court of the county where such
73.7 practice occurred may enjoin such acts and practice. The injunction proceeding is in addition
73.8 to, and not in lieu of, all other penalties and remedies provided by law.

73.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 152.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.10 Subdivision 1. **Prescribing, dispensing, administering controlled substances in**
73.11 **Schedules II through V.** A licensed doctor of medicine, a doctor of osteopathic medicine,
73.12 duly licensed to practice medicine, a doctor of dental surgery, a doctor of dental medicine,
73.13 a licensed doctor of podiatry, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed
73.14 certified midwife, a licensed physician assistant, or a licensed doctor of optometry limited
73.15 to Schedules IV and V, and in the course of professional practice only, may prescribe,
73.16 administer, and dispense a controlled substance included in Schedules II through V of section
73.17 152.02, may cause the same to be administered by a nurse, an intern or an assistant under
73.18 the direction and supervision of the doctor, and may cause a person who is an appropriately
73.19 certified and licensed health care professional to prescribe and administer the same within
73.20 the expressed legal scope of the person's practice as defined in Minnesota Statutes.

73.21 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision
73.22 to read:

73.23 Subd. 28c. **Certified midwifery practice services.** Medical assistance covers services
73.24 performed by a licensed certified midwife if:

73.25 (1) the service provided on an inpatient basis is not included as part of the cost for
73.26 inpatient services included in the facility payment;

73.27 (2) the service is otherwise covered under this chapter as a physician service; and

73.28 (3) the service is within the scope of practice of the certified midwife's license as defined
73.29 under chapter 148G.

ARTICLE 12**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT LICENSURE**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.0572, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Criminal history background check requirements.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2018, an applicant for initial licensure, temporary licensure, or relicensure after a lapse in licensure as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant, or an applicant for initial certification as a hearing instrument dispenser, must submit to a criminal history records check of state data completed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and a national criminal history records check, including a search of the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

(b) Beginning January 1, 2020, an applicant for a renewal license or certificate as an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or hearing instrument dispenser who was licensed or obtained a certificate before January 1, 2018, must submit to a criminal history records check of state data completed by the BCA and a national criminal history records check, including a search of the records of the FBI.

(c) An applicant must submit to a background study under chapter 245C.

(d) The criminal history records check must be structured so that any new crimes that an applicant or licensee or certificate holder commits after the initial background check are flagged in the BCA's or FBI's database and reported back to the commissioner of human services.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.511, is amended to read:

148.511 SCOPE.

Sections 148.511 to 148.5198 apply to persons who are applicants for licensure, who use protected titles, who represent that they are licensed, or who engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology or practice as a speech-language pathology assistant. Sections 148.511 to 148.5198 do not apply to school personnel licensed by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and practicing within the scope of their school license under Minnesota Rules, part 8710.6000, or the paraprofessionals who assist these individuals.

75.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.512, subdivision 17a, is amended to read:

75.2 Subd. 17a. **Speech-language pathology assistant.** "Speech-language pathology assistant"
75.3 means a person who meets the qualifications under section 148.5181 and provides
75.4 speech-language pathology services under the supervision of a licensed speech-language
75.5 pathologist in accordance with section 148.5192.

75.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

75.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.513, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.8 Subdivision 1. **Unlicensed practice prohibited.** A person must not engage in the practice
75.9 of speech-language pathology or audiology or practice as a speech-language pathology
75.10 assistant unless the person is licensed as a speech-language pathologist ~~or~~ an audiologist,
75.11 or a speech-language pathology assistant under sections 148.511 to 148.5198 ~~or is practicing~~
75.12 ~~as a speech-language pathology assistant in accordance with section 148.5192.~~ For purposes
75.13 of this subdivision, a speech-language pathology assistant's duties are limited to the duties
75.14 described in accordance with section 148.5192, subdivision 2.

75.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

75.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.513, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.17 Subd. 2. **Protected titles and restrictions on use; speech-language pathologists and**
75.18 **audiologists.** (a) Notwithstanding paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c), the use of the following terms or initials
75.19 which represent the following terms, alone or in combination with any word or words, by
75.20 any person to form an occupational title is prohibited unless that person is licensed as a
75.21 speech-language pathologist or audiologist under sections 148.511 to 148.5198:

75.22 (1) speech-language;

75.23 (2) speech-language pathologist, S, SP, or SLP;

75.24 (3) speech pathologist;

75.25 (4) language pathologist;

75.26 (5) audiologist, A, or AUD;

75.27 (6) speech therapist;

75.28 (7) speech clinician;

75.29 (8) speech correctionist;

75.30 (9) language therapist;

- 76.1 (10) voice therapist;
- 76.2 (11) voice pathologist;
- 76.3 (12) logopedist;
- 76.4 (13) communicologist;
- 76.5 (14) aphasiologist;
- 76.6 (15) phoniatriest;
- 76.7 (16) audiometrist;
- 76.8 (17) audioprosthologist;
- 76.9 (18) hearing therapist;
- 76.10 (19) hearing clinician; or
- 76.11 (20) hearing aid audiologist.

76.12 (b) Use of the term "Minnesota licensed" in conjunction with the titles protected under
76.13 ~~this paragraph (a)~~ by any person is prohibited unless that person is licensed as a
76.14 speech-language pathologist or audiologist under sections 148.511 to 148.5198.

76.15 ~~(b)~~ (c) A speech-language pathology assistant practicing under ~~section 148.5192~~ sections
76.16 148.511 to 148.5198 must not represent, indicate, or imply to the public that the assistant
76.17 is a licensed speech-language pathologist and shall only utilize ~~one of the following titles:~~
76.18 ~~"speech-language pathology assistant," "SLP assistant," or "SLP asst."~~ the titles provided
76.19 in subdivision 2b.

76.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

76.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.513, is amended by adding a subdivision to
76.22 read:

76.23 Subd. 2b. **Protected titles and restrictions on use; speech-language pathology**
76.24 **assistant.** (a) The use of the following terms or initials which represent the following terms,
76.25 alone or in combination with any word or words, by any person to form an occupational
76.26 title is prohibited unless that person is licensed under section 148.5181:

- 76.27 (1) speech-language pathology assistant;
- 76.28 (2) SLP assistant; or
- 76.29 (3) SLP asst.

77.1 (b) Use of the term "Minnesota licensed" in conjunction with the titles protected under
77.2 this subdivision by any person is prohibited unless that person is licensed under section
77.3 148.5181.

77.4 (c) A speech-language pathology assistant practicing under section 148.5192 must not
77.5 represent, indicate, or imply to the public that the assistant is a licensed speech-language
77.6 pathologist and must only utilize the title provided in paragraph (a).

77.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

77.8 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.513, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

77.9 Subd. 3. **Exemption.** (a) Nothing in sections 148.511 to 148.5198 prohibits the practice
77.10 of any profession or occupation licensed, certified, or registered by the state by any person
77.11 duly licensed, certified, or registered to practice the profession or occupation or to perform
77.12 any act that falls within the scope of practice of the profession or occupation.

77.13 (b) Subdivision 1 does not apply to a student participating in supervised field work or
77.14 supervised course work that is necessary to meet the requirements of ~~section~~ sections
77.15 148.515, subdivision 2 or 3, or 148.5181, subdivision 2, if the person is designated by a
77.16 title which clearly indicates the person's status as a student trainee.

77.17 (c) Subdivisions 1 ~~and~~ 2, and 2a do not apply to a person visiting and then leaving the
77.18 state and using titles restricted under this section while in the state, if the titles are used no
77.19 more than 30 days in a calendar year as part of a professional activity that is limited in scope
77.20 and duration and is in association with an audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed
77.21 under sections 148.511 to 148.5198.

77.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.514, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

77.23 Subd. 2. **General licensure qualifications.** An applicant for licensure must possess the
77.24 qualifications required in one of the following clauses:

77.25 (1) a person who applies for licensure and does not meet the requirements in clause (2)
77.26 or (3), must meet the requirements in section 148.515, or 148.5181, subdivision 2;

77.27 (2) a person who applies for licensure and who has a current certificate of clinical
77.28 competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or board
77.29 certification by the American Board of Audiology, must meet the requirements of section
77.30 148.516; or

78.1 (3) a person who applies for licensure by reciprocity must meet the requirements under
78.2 section 148.517, or 148.5181, subdivision 3.

78.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

78.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.515, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

78.5 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** Except as provided in section 148.516 or 148.517, an
78.6 applicant for speech-language pathology or audiology must meet the requirements in this
78.7 section.

78.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

78.9 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.518, is amended to read:

78.10 **148.518 LICENSURE FOLLOWING LAPSE OF LICENSURE STATUS.**

78.11 Subdivision 1. **Speech-language pathology or audiology lapse.** ~~For~~ An applicant whose
78.12 licensure status has lapsed, ~~the applicant~~ and who is applying for a speech-language pathology
78.13 or audiology license must:

78.14 (1) apply for licensure renewal according to section 148.5191 and document compliance
78.15 with the continuing education requirements of section 148.5193 since the applicant's license
78.16 lapsed;

78.17 (2) fulfill the requirements of section 148.517;

78.18 (3) apply for renewal according to section 148.5191, provide evidence to the
78.19 commissioner that the applicant holds a current and unrestricted credential for the practice
78.20 of speech-language pathology from the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
78.21 Board or for the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in another jurisdiction
78.22 that has requirements equivalent to or higher than those in effect for Minnesota, and provide
78.23 evidence of compliance with Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or that
78.24 jurisdiction's continuing education requirements;

78.25 (4) apply for renewal according to section 148.5191 and submit verified documentation
78.26 of successful completion of 160 hours of supervised practice approved by the commissioner.
78.27 To participate in a supervised practice, the applicant shall first apply and obtain temporary
78.28 licensing according to section 148.5161; or

78.29 (5) apply for renewal according to section 148.5191 and provide documentation of
78.30 obtaining a qualifying score on the examination described in section 148.515, subdivision
78.31 4, within one year of the application date for license renewal.

79.1 Subd. 2. **Speech-language pathology assistant lapse.** An applicant applying for
79.2 speech-language pathology assistant licensure and whose licensure status has lapsed must:

79.3 (1) apply for licensure renewal according to section 148.5191 and document compliance
79.4 with the continuing education requirements of section 148.5193 since the applicant's license
79.5 lapsed;

79.6 (2) apply for renewal according to section 148.5191, and provide evidence to the
79.7 commissioner that the applicant has an associate's degree from a speech-language pathology
79.8 assistant program that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central
79.9 Association of Colleges;

79.10 (3) apply for renewal according to section 148.5191, and provide evidence to the
79.11 commissioner that applicant has a bachelor's degree in the discipline of communication
79.12 sciences or disorders and a speech-language pathology assistant certificate program, including
79.13 relevant coursework and supervised field experience according to section 148.5181; or

79.14 (4) apply for licensure renewal according to section 148.5191 and document compliance
79.15 with the continuing education requirements of section 148.5193 since the applicant's license
79.16 lapsed.

79.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

79.18 Sec. 11. **[148.5181] LICENSURE; SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**
79.19 **ASSISTANTS.**

79.20 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** Except as provided in subdivisions 3 and 4, an applicant
79.21 for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant must meet the requirements of this
79.22 section.

79.23 Subd. 2. **Educational requirements.** (a) To be eligible for speech-language pathology
79.24 assistant licensure, an applicant must submit to the commissioner a transcript from an
79.25 educational institution documenting satisfactory completion of either:

79.26 (1) an associate's degree from a speech-language pathology assistant program that is
79.27 accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges
79.28 or its equivalent as approved by the commissioner and that includes at least 100 hours of
79.29 supervised field work experience in speech-language pathology assisting; or

79.30 (2) a bachelor's degree in the discipline of communication sciences or disorders and a
79.31 speech-language pathology assistant certificate program that includes:

80.1 (i) coursework in an introduction to speech-language pathology assisting, adult
80.2 communication disorders and treatment, speech sound disorders and language disorders at
80.3 a speech-language pathology assistant level; and

80.4 (ii) at least 100 hours of supervised field work experience in speech-language pathology
80.5 assisting.

80.6 (b) Within one month following expiration of a license, an applicant for licensure renewal
80.7 as a speech-language pathology assistant must provide, on a form provided by the
80.8 commissioner, evidence to the commissioner of a minimum of 20 contact hours of continuing
80.9 education obtained within the two years immediately preceding licensure expiration. A
80.10 minimum of 13 contact hours of continuing education must be directly related to the licensee's
80.11 area of licensure. Seven contact hours of continuing education may be in areas generally
80.12 related to the licensee's area of licensure. Licensees who are issued licenses for a period of
80.13 less than two years must prorate the number of contact hours required for licensure renewal
80.14 based on the number of months licensed during the biennial licensure period. Licensees
80.15 must receive contact hours for continuing education activities only for the biennial licensure
80.16 period in which the continuing education activity was performed.

80.17 Subd. 3. **Licensure by reciprocity.** The commissioner shall issue a speech-language
80.18 pathology assistant license to a person who holds a current speech-language pathology
80.19 assistant license in another state if the following conditions are met:

80.20 (1) payment of the commissioner's current fee for licensure; and

80.21 (2) the applicant submits evidence of licensure in good standing from another state that
80.22 maintains a system and standard of examinations for speech-language pathology assistants
80.23 which meets or exceeds the current requirements for licensure in Minnesota.

80.24 Subd. 4. **Temporary practice.** An individual who has an associate's degree in
80.25 speech-language pathology assisting or a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and
80.26 disorders and has been continuously employed for two years prior to July 1, 2024, may
80.27 practice as a speech-language pathology assistant without a license until July 1, 2029, at
80.28 which time the individual must meet the requirements for licensure in accordance with
80.29 sections 148.511 to 148.5198.

80.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

81.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.519, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

81.2 Subdivision 1. **Applications for licensure; speech-language pathologists and**
81.3 **audiologists.** (a) An applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist
81.4 must:

81.5 (1) submit a completed application for licensure on forms provided by the commissioner.
81.6 The application must include the applicant's name, certification number under chapter 153A,
81.7 if applicable, business address and telephone number, or home address and telephone number
81.8 if the applicant practices speech-language pathology or audiology out of the home, and a
81.9 description of the applicant's education, training, and experience, including previous work
81.10 history for the five years immediately preceding the date of application. The commissioner
81.11 may ask the applicant to provide additional information necessary to clarify information
81.12 submitted in the application; and

81.13 (2) submit documentation of the certificate of clinical competence issued by the American
81.14 Speech-Language-Hearing Association, board certification by the American Board of
81.15 Audiology, or satisfy the following requirements:

81.16 (i) submit a transcript showing the completion of a master's or doctoral degree or its
81.17 equivalent meeting the requirements of section 148.515, subdivision 2;

81.18 (ii) submit documentation of the required hours of supervised clinical training;

81.19 (iii) submit documentation of the postgraduate clinical or doctoral clinical experience
81.20 meeting the requirements of section 148.515, subdivision 4; and

81.21 (iv) submit documentation of receiving a qualifying score on an examination meeting
81.22 the requirements of section 148.515, subdivision 6.

81.23 (b) In addition, an applicant must:

81.24 (1) sign a statement that the information in the application is true and correct to the best
81.25 of the applicant's knowledge and belief;

81.26 (2) submit with the application all fees required by section 148.5194;

81.27 (3) sign a waiver authorizing the commissioner to obtain access to the applicant's records
81.28 in this or any other state in which the applicant has engaged in the practice of speech-language
81.29 pathology or audiology; and

81.30 (4) consent to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check as required under
81.31 section 144.0572, pay all required fees, and cooperate with all requests for information. An

82.1 applicant must complete a new criminal history background check if more than one year
82.2 has elapsed since the applicant last applied for a license.

82.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

82.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.519, is amended by adding a subdivision
82.5 to read:

82.6 Subd. 1a. **Applications for licensure; speech-language pathology assistants.** An
82.7 applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant must:

82.8 (1) submit a completed application on forms provided by the commissioner. The
82.9 application must include the applicant's name, business address and telephone number,
82.10 home address and telephone number, and a description of the applicant's education, training,
82.11 and experience, including previous work history for the five years immediately preceding
82.12 the application date. The commissioner may ask the applicant to provide additional
82.13 information needed to clarify information submitted in the application;

82.14 (2) submit a transcript showing the completion of the requirements set forth in section
82.15 148.5181;

82.16 (3) submit a signed statement that the information in the application is true and correct
82.17 to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief;

82.18 (4) submit all fees required under section 148.5194;

82.19 (5) submit a signed waiver authorizing the commissioner to obtain access to the applicant's
82.20 records in this or any other state in which the applicant has worked as a speech-language
82.21 pathology assistant; and

82.22 (6) consent to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check as required under
82.23 section 144.0572, pay all required fees, and cooperate with all requests for information. An
82.24 applicant must complete a new criminal history background check if more than one year
82.25 has lapsed since the applicant last applied for a license.

82.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

82.27 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5191, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

82.28 Subdivision 1. **Renewal requirements.** To renew licensure, an applicant for license
82.29 renewal as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist must:

82.30 (1) biennially complete a renewal application on a form provided by the commissioner
82.31 and submit the biennial renewal fee;

83.1 (2) meet the continuing education requirements of section 148.5193 and submit evidence
83.2 of attending continuing education courses, as required in section 148.5193, subdivision 6;
83.3 and

83.4 (3) submit additional information if requested by the commissioner to clarify information
83.5 presented in the renewal application. The information must be submitted within 30 days
83.6 after the commissioner's request.

83.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5191, is amended by adding a subdivision
83.8 to read:

83.9 Subd. 1a. **Renewal requirements; speech-language pathology assistant.** To renew
83.10 licensure, an applicant for license renewal as a speech-language pathology assistant must:

83.11 (1) biennially complete a renewal application on a form provided by the commissioner
83.12 and submit the biennial renewal fee;

83.13 (2) meet the continuing education requirements of section 148.5193, subdivision 1a,
83.14 and submit evidence of attending continuing education courses, as required in section
83.15 148.5193, subdivision 1a; and

83.16 (3) submit additional information if requested by the commissioner to clarify information
83.17 presented in the renewal application. The information must be submitted within 30 days
83.18 after the commissioner's request.

83.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

83.20 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5192, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

83.21 Subdivision 1. **Delegation requirements.** A licensed speech-language pathologist may
83.22 delegate duties to a licensed speech-language pathology assistant in accordance with this
83.23 section following an initial introduction to a client with the speech-language pathologist
83.24 and speech-language pathology assistant present. ~~Duties may only be delegated to an~~
83.25 ~~individual who has documented with a transcript from an educational institution satisfactory~~
83.26 ~~completion of either:~~

83.27 ~~(1) an associate degree from a speech-language pathology assistant program that is~~
83.28 ~~accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges~~
83.29 ~~or its equivalent as approved by the commissioner; or~~

83.30 ~~(2) a bachelor's degree in the discipline of communication sciences or disorders with~~
83.31 ~~additional transcript credit in the area of instruction in assistant-level service delivery~~

84.1 ~~practices and completion of at least 100 hours of supervised field work experience as a~~
84.2 ~~speech-language pathology assistant student.~~

84.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

84.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5192, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

84.5 Subd. 2. **Delegated duties; prohibitions.** (a) A speech-language pathology assistant
84.6 may perform only those duties delegated by a licensed speech-language pathologist and
84.7 must be limited to duties within the training and experience of the speech-language pathology
84.8 assistant.

84.9 (b) Duties may include the following as delegated by the supervising speech-language
84.10 pathologist:

84.11 (1) assist with speech language and hearing screenings;

84.12 (2) implement documented treatment plans or protocols developed by the supervising
84.13 speech-language pathologist;

84.14 (3) document client performance, including writing progress notes;

84.15 (4) assist with assessments of clients;

84.16 (5) assist with preparing materials and scheduling activities as directed;

84.17 (6) perform checks and maintenance of equipment;

84.18 (7) support the supervising speech-language pathologist in research projects, in-service
84.19 training, and public relations programs; and

84.20 (8) collect data for quality improvement.

84.21 (c) A speech-language pathology assistant may not:

84.22 (1) perform standardized or nonstandardized diagnostic tests, perform formal or informal
84.23 evaluations, or interpret test results;

84.24 ~~(2) screen or diagnose clients for feeding or swallowing disorders, including using a~~
84.25 ~~checklist or tabulating results of feeding or swallowing evaluations, or demonstrate~~
84.26 ~~swallowing strategies or precautions to clients or the clients' families~~ demonstrate strategies
84.27 included in the feeding and swallowing plan developed by the speech-language pathologist
84.28 or share such information with students, patients, clients, families, staff, and caregivers;

84.29 (3) participate in parent conferences, case conferences, or ~~any~~ interdisciplinary team
84.30 ~~without the presence of the supervising speech-language pathologist or other licensed~~

85.1 ~~speech-language pathologist as authorized by the supervising speech-language pathologist~~
85.2 meetings without approval from the speech-language pathologist or misrepresent themselves
85.3 as a speech-language pathologist at such a conference or meeting. The speech-language
85.4 pathologist and speech-language pathology assistant are required to meet prior to the parent
85.5 conferences, case conferences, or interdisciplinary team meetings to determine the
85.6 information to be shared;

85.7 (4) provide client or family counseling or consult with the client or the family regarding
85.8 the client status or service;

85.9 (5) write, develop, or modify a client's individualized treatment plan or individualized
85.10 education program;

85.11 (6) select clients for service;

85.12 (7) discharge clients from service;

85.13 (8) ~~disclose clinical or confidential information either orally or in writing to anyone~~
85.14 ~~other than the supervising speech-language pathologist~~ information, without permission
85.15 from the supervising speech-language pathologist, to other team members; or

85.16 (9) make referrals for additional services.

85.17 (d) A speech-language pathology assistant must ~~not~~ only sign ~~any formal~~ documents,
85.18 including treatment plans, education plans, reimbursement forms, or reports, when cosigned
85.19 by the supervising speech-language pathologist. The speech-language pathology assistant
85.20 must sign or initial all treatment notes written by the assistant, which must then also be
85.21 cosigned by the supervising speech-language pathologist.

85.22 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5192, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

85.23 Subd. 3. **Supervision requirements.** (a) A supervising speech-language pathologist
85.24 shall authorize and accept full responsibility for the performance, practice, and activity of
85.25 a speech-language pathology assistant. The amount and type of supervision required must
85.26 be based on the skills and experience of the speech-language pathology assistant. A minimum
85.27 of one hour every 30 days of consultative supervision time must be documented for each
85.28 speech-language pathology assistant.

85.29 (b) A supervising speech-language pathologist must:

85.30 (1) be licensed under sections 148.511 to 148.5198;

85.31 (2) hold a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
85.32 Association or its equivalent as approved by the commissioner; and

86.1 (3) have completed at least ~~one~~ ten hours of continuing education ~~unit~~ in supervision.

86.2 (c) The supervision of a speech-language pathology assistant shall be maintained on the
86.3 following schedule:

86.4 (1) for the first 90 workdays, within a 40-hour work week, 30 percent of the work
86.5 performed by the speech-language pathology assistant must be supervised and at least 20
86.6 percent of the work performed must be under direct supervision; ~~and~~

86.7 (2) for the work period after the initial 90-day period, within a 40-hour work week, 20
86.8 percent of the work performed must be supervised and at least ten percent of the work
86.9 performed must be under direct supervision; and

86.10 (3) once every 60 days, the supervising speech-language pathologist must treat or cotreat
86.11 with the speech-language pathology assistant each client on the speech-language pathology
86.12 assistant's caseload.

86.13 (d) For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means ~~on-site, in-view~~ observation
86.14 and guidance by the supervising speech-language pathologist during the performance of a
86.15 delegated duty that occurs either on-site and in-view or through the use of real-time, two-way
86.16 interactive audio and visual communication. The supervision requirements described in this
86.17 section are minimum requirements. Additional supervision requirements may be imposed
86.18 at the discretion of the supervising speech-language pathologist.

86.19 (e) A supervising speech-language pathologist must be available to communicate with
86.20 a speech-language pathology assistant at any time the assistant is in direct contact with a
86.21 client.

86.22 (f) A supervising speech-language pathologist must document activities performed by
86.23 the assistant that are directly supervised by the supervising speech-language pathologist.
86.24 At a minimum, the documentation must include:

86.25 (1) information regarding the quality of the speech-language pathology assistant's
86.26 performance of the delegated duties; and

86.27 (2) verification that any delegated clinical activity was limited to duties authorized to
86.28 be performed by the speech-language pathology assistant under this section.

86.29 (g) A supervising speech-language pathologist must review and cosign all informal
86.30 treatment notes signed or initialed by the speech-language pathology assistant.

87.1 (h) A full-time, speech-language pathologist may supervise no more than ~~one~~ two
87.2 full-time, speech-language pathology ~~assistant~~ assistants or the equivalent of ~~one~~ two
87.3 full-time ~~assistant~~ assistants.

87.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

87.5 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5193, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.6 Subdivision 1. **Number of contact hours required; speech-language pathologists**
87.7 **and audiologists.** (a) An applicant for licensure renewal as a speech-language pathologist
87.8 or audiologist must meet the requirements for continuing education stipulated by the
87.9 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Board of Audiology, or
87.10 satisfy the requirements described in paragraphs (b) to (e).

87.11 (b) Within one month following expiration of a license, an applicant for licensure renewal
87.12 as either a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist must provide evidence to the
87.13 commissioner of a minimum of 30 contact hours of continuing education obtained within
87.14 the two years immediately preceding licensure expiration. A minimum of 20 contact hours
87.15 of continuing education must be directly related to the licensee's area of licensure. Ten
87.16 contact hours of continuing education may be in areas generally related to the licensee's
87.17 area of licensure. Licensees who are issued licenses for a period of less than two years shall
87.18 prorate the number of contact hours required for licensure renewal based on the number of
87.19 months licensed during the biennial licensure period. Licensees shall receive contact hours
87.20 for continuing education activities only for the biennial licensure period in which the
87.21 continuing education activity was performed.

87.22 (c) An applicant for licensure renewal as both a speech-language pathologist and an
87.23 audiologist must attest to and document completion of a minimum of 36 contact hours of
87.24 continuing education offered by a continuing education sponsor within the two years
87.25 immediately preceding licensure renewal. A minimum of 15 contact hours must be received
87.26 in the area of speech-language pathology and a minimum of 15 contact hours must be
87.27 received in the area of audiology. Six contact hours of continuing education may be in areas
87.28 generally related to the licensee's areas of licensure. Licensees who are issued licenses for
87.29 a period of less than two years shall prorate the number of contact hours required for licensure
87.30 renewal based on the number of months licensed during the biennial licensure period.
87.31 Licensees shall receive contact hours for continuing education activities only for the biennial
87.32 licensure period in which the continuing education activity was performed.

87.33 (d) If the licensee is licensed by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
87.34 Board:

(1) activities that are approved in the categories of Minnesota Rules, part 8710.7200, subpart 3, items A and B, and that relate to speech-language pathology, shall be considered:

(i) offered by a sponsor of continuing education; and

(ii) directly related to speech-language pathology;

(2) activities that are approved in the categories of Minnesota Rules, part 8710.7200, subpart 3, shall be considered:

(i) offered by a sponsor of continuing education; and

(ii) generally related to speech-language pathology; and

(3) one clock hour as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 8710.7200, subpart 1, is equivalent to 1.0 contact hours of continuing education.

(e) Contact hours may not be accumulated in advance and transferred to a future continuing education period.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5193, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. Continuing education; speech-language pathology assistants. An applicant for licensure renewal as a speech-language pathology assistant must meet the requirements for continuing education established by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and submit evidence of attending continuing education courses. A licensee must receive contact hours for continuing education activities only for the biennial licensure period in which the continuing education activity was completed. Continuing education contact hours obtained in one licensure period must not be transferred to a future licensure period.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5194, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3b. Speech-language pathology assistant licensure fees. The fee for initial licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant is \$..... The fee for licensure renewal for a speech-language pathology assistant is \$.....

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

89.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5194, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

89.2 Subd. 8. **Penalty fees.** (a) The penalty fee for practicing speech-language pathology or
89.3 audiology, practicing as a speech-language pathology assistant, or using protected titles
89.4 without a current license after the credential has expired and before it is renewed is the
89.5 amount of the license renewal fee for any part of the first month, plus the license renewal
89.6 fee for any part of any subsequent month up to 36 months.

89.7 (b) The penalty fee for applicants who engage in the unauthorized practice of
89.8 speech-language pathology or audiology, practice as a speech-language pathology assistant,
89.9 or ~~using~~ use of protected titles before being issued a license is the amount of the license
89.10 application fee for any part of the first month, plus the license application fee for any part
89.11 of any subsequent month up to 36 months. This paragraph does not apply to applicants not
89.12 qualifying for a license who engage in the unauthorized practice of speech language
89.13 pathology or audiology or in unauthorized practice as a speech-language pathology assistant.

89.14 (c) The penalty fee for practicing speech-language pathology or audiology and failing
89.15 to submit a continuing education report by the due date with the correct number or type of
89.16 hours in the correct time period is \$100 plus \$20 for each missing clock hour. The penalty
89.17 fee for a licensed speech-language pathology assistant who fails to submit a continuing
89.18 education report by the due date with the correct number or type of hours in the correct time
89.19 period is \$100 plus \$20 for each missing clock hour. "Missing" means not obtained between
89.20 the effective and expiration dates of the certificate, the one-month period following the
89.21 certificate expiration date, or the 30 days following notice of a penalty fee for failing to
89.22 report all continuing education hours. The licensee must obtain the missing number of
89.23 continuing education hours by the next reporting due date.

89.24 (d) Civil penalties and discipline incurred by licensees prior to August 1, 2005, for
89.25 conduct described in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) shall be recorded as nondisciplinary penalty
89.26 fees. For conduct described in paragraph (a) or (b) occurring after August 1, 2005, and
89.27 exceeding six months, payment of a penalty fee does not preclude any disciplinary action
89.28 reasonably justified by the individual case.

89.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

89.30 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 148.5195, subdivision 3, is amended
89.31 to read:

89.32 Subd. 3. **Grounds for disciplinary action by commissioner.** The commissioner may
89.33 take any of the disciplinary actions listed in subdivision 4 on proof that the individual has:

- 90.1 (1) intentionally submitted false or misleading information to the commissioner or the
90.2 advisory council;
- 90.3 (2) failed, within 30 days, to provide information in response to a written request by the
90.4 commissioner or advisory council;
- 90.5 (3) performed services of a speech-language pathologist ~~or~~, audiologist, or
90.6 speech-language pathology assistant in an incompetent or negligent manner;
- 90.7 (4) violated sections 148.511 to 148.5198;
- 90.8 (5) failed to perform services with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety due to the use
90.9 of alcohol or drugs, or other physical or mental impairment;
- 90.10 (6) violated any state or federal law, rule, or regulation, and the violation is a felony or
90.11 misdemeanor, an essential element of which is dishonesty, or which relates directly or
90.12 indirectly to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology or to the practice of a
90.13 speech-language pathology assistant. Conviction for violating any state or federal law which
90.14 relates to speech-language pathology ~~or~~, audiology, or to the practice of a speech-language
90.15 pathology assistant is necessarily considered to constitute a violation, except as provided
90.16 in chapter 364;
- 90.17 (7) aided or abetted another person in violating any provision of sections 148.511 to
90.18 148.5198;
- 90.19 (8) been or is being disciplined by another jurisdiction, if any of the grounds for the
90.20 discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to those under sections 148.511 to 148.5198;
- 90.21 (9) not cooperated with the commissioner or advisory council in an investigation
90.22 conducted according to subdivision 1;
- 90.23 (10) advertised in a manner that is false or misleading;
- 90.24 (11) engaged in conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public; or demonstrated
90.25 a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a client;
- 90.26 (12) failed to disclose to the consumer any fee splitting or any promise to pay a portion
90.27 of a fee to any other professional other than a fee for services rendered by the other
90.28 professional to the client;
- 90.29 (13) engaged in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of federal
90.30 Medicare and Medicaid laws, Food and Drug Administration regulations, or state medical
90.31 assistance laws;

91.1 (14) obtained money, property, or services from a consumer through the use of undue
91.2 influence, high pressure sales tactics, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud;

91.3 (15) performed services for a client who had no possibility of benefiting from the services;

91.4 (16) failed to refer a client for medical evaluation or to other health care professionals
91.5 when appropriate or when a client indicated symptoms associated with diseases that could
91.6 be medically or surgically treated;

91.7 (17) had the certification required by chapter 153A denied, suspended, or revoked
91.8 according to chapter 153A;

91.9 (18) used the term doctor of audiology, doctor of speech-language pathology, AuD, or
91.10 SLPD without having obtained the degree from an institution accredited by the North Central
91.11 Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Council on Academic Accreditation
91.12 in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, the United States Department of Education,
91.13 or an equivalent;

91.14 (19) failed to comply with the requirements of section 148.5192 regarding supervision
91.15 of speech-language pathology assistants; or

91.16 (20) if the individual is an audiologist or certified prescription hearing aid dispenser:

91.17 (i) prescribed to a consumer or potential consumer the use of a prescription hearing aid,
91.18 unless the prescription from a physician, an audiologist, or a certified dispenser is in writing,
91.19 is based on an audiogram that is delivered to the consumer or potential consumer when the
91.20 prescription is made, and bears the following information in all capital letters of 12-point
91.21 or larger boldface type: "THIS PRESCRIPTION MAY BE FILLED BY, AND
91.22 PRESCRIPTION HEARING AIDS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM, THE LICENSED
91.23 AUDIOLOGIST OR CERTIFIED DISPENSER OF YOUR CHOICE";

91.24 (ii) failed to give a copy of the audiogram, upon which the prescription is based, to the
91.25 consumer when the consumer requests a copy;

91.26 (iii) failed to provide the consumer rights brochure required by section 148.5197,
91.27 subdivision 3;

91.28 (iv) failed to comply with restrictions on sales of prescription hearing aids in sections
91.29 148.5197, subdivision 3, and 148.5198;

91.30 (v) failed to return a consumer's prescription hearing aid used as a trade-in or for a
91.31 discount in the price of a new prescription hearing aid when requested by the consumer
91.32 upon cancellation of the purchase agreement;

92.1 (vi) failed to follow Food and Drug Administration or Federal Trade Commission
92.2 regulations relating to dispensing prescription hearing aids;

92.3 (vii) failed to dispense a prescription hearing aid in a competent manner or without
92.4 appropriate training;

92.5 (viii) delegated prescription hearing aid dispensing authority to a person not authorized
92.6 to dispense a prescription hearing aid under this chapter or chapter 153A;

92.7 (ix) failed to comply with the requirements of an employer or supervisor of a prescription
92.8 hearing aid dispenser trainee;

92.9 (x) violated a state or federal court order or judgment, including a conciliation court
92.10 judgment, relating to the activities of the individual's prescription hearing aid dispensing;
92.11 or

92.12 (xi) failed to include on the audiogram the practitioner's printed name, credential type,
92.13 credential number, signature, and date.

92.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

92.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5195, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

92.16 Subd. 5. **Consequences of disciplinary actions.** Upon the suspension or revocation of
92.17 licensure, the speech-language pathologist or audiologist, or speech-language pathology
92.18 assistant, shall cease to practice speech-language pathology or audiology, or practice as a
92.19 speech-language pathology assistant, to use titles protected under sections 148.511 to
92.20 148.5198, and to represent to the public that the speech-language pathologist or audiologist,
92.21 or speech-language pathology assistant, is licensed by the commissioner.

92.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

92.23 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5195, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

92.24 Subd. 6. **Reinstatement requirements after disciplinary action.** A speech-language
92.25 pathologist or audiologist, or speech-language pathology assistant, who has had licensure
92.26 suspended may petition on forms provided by the commissioner for reinstatement following
92.27 the period of suspension specified by the commissioner. The requirements of section
92.28 148.5191 for renewing licensure must be met before licensure may be reinstated.

92.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

93.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 148.5196, subdivision 1, is amended
93.2 to read:

93.3 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The commissioner shall appoint ~~12~~ 13 persons to a
93.4 Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory Council. The ~~12~~ 13 persons must
93.5 include:

93.6 (1) three public members, as defined in section 214.02. Two of the public members shall
93.7 be either persons receiving services of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist, or
93.8 family members of or caregivers to such persons, and at least one of the public members
93.9 shall be either a hearing aid user or an advocate of one;

93.10 (2) three speech-language pathologists licensed under sections 148.511 to 148.5198,
93.11 one of whom is currently and has been, for the five years immediately preceding the
93.12 appointment, engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology in Minnesota and each
93.13 of whom is employed in a different employment setting including, but not limited to, private
93.14 practice, hospitals, rehabilitation settings, educational settings, and government agencies;

93.15 (3) one speech-language pathologist licensed under sections 148.511 to 148.5198, who
93.16 is currently and has been, for the five years immediately preceding the appointment,
93.17 employed by a Minnesota public school district or a Minnesota public school district
93.18 consortium that is authorized by Minnesota Statutes and who is licensed in speech-language
93.19 pathology by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board;

93.20 (4) three audiologists licensed under sections 148.511 to 148.5198, two of whom are
93.21 currently and have been, for the five years immediately preceding the appointment, engaged
93.22 in the practice of audiology and the dispensing of prescription hearing aids in Minnesota
93.23 and each of whom is employed in a different employment setting including, but not limited
93.24 to, private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation settings, educational settings, industry, and
93.25 government agencies;

93.26 (5) one nonaudiologist prescription hearing aid dispenser recommended by a professional
93.27 association representing prescription hearing aid dispensers; ~~and~~

93.28 (6) one physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of
93.29 Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery; and

93.30 (7) one speech-language pathology assistant licensed under sections 148.511 to 148.5198.

93.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

94.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.5196, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

94.2 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory council shall:

94.3 (1) advise the commissioner regarding speech-language pathologist and audiologist
94.4 licensure standards;

94.5 (2) advise the commissioner regarding the delegation of duties to, the licensure standards
94.6 for, and the training required for speech-language pathology assistants;

94.7 (3) advise the commissioner on enforcement of sections 148.511 to 148.5198;

94.8 (4) provide for distribution of information regarding speech-language pathologist ~~and,~~
94.9 audiologist, and speech-language pathology assistant licensure standards;

94.10 (5) review applications and make recommendations to the commissioner on granting or
94.11 denying licensure or licensure renewal;

94.12 (6) review reports of investigations relating to individuals and make recommendations
94.13 to the commissioner as to whether licensure should be denied or disciplinary action taken
94.14 against the individual;

94.15 (7) advise the commissioner regarding approval of continuing education activities
94.16 provided by sponsors using the criteria in section 148.5193, subdivision 2; and

94.17 (8) perform other duties authorized for advisory councils under chapter 214, or as directed
94.18 by the commissioner.

94.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

94.20 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 245C.031, subdivision 4, is amended
94.21 to read:

94.22 Subd. 4. **Applicants, licensees, and other occupations regulated by the commissioner**
94.23 **of health.** The commissioner shall conduct an alternative background study, including a
94.24 check of state data, and a national criminal history records check of the following individuals.
94.25 For studies under this section, the following persons shall complete a consent form and
94.26 criminal history disclosure form:

94.27 (1) An applicant for initial licensure, temporary licensure, or relicensure after a lapse in
94.28 licensure as an audiologist ~~or,~~ speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathologist
94.29 assistant, or an applicant for initial certification as a hearing instrument dispenser who must
94.30 submit to a background study under section 144.0572.

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(2) An applicant for a renewal license or certificate as an audiologist, speech-language

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pathologist, or hearing instrument dispenser who was licensed or obtained a certificate

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before January 1, 2018.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

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ARTICLE 13

95.6

APPROPRIATION

95.7

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

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\$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the state government special revenue fund

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to the Board of Psychology to implement Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.9981 to 148.9995.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024."