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265 Introduction and first reading

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A bill for an act 1.1

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relating to health occupations; providing immunity from criminal liability for 1 2 health care providers when providing health treatment and services; proposing 1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145. 1.4

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

Section 1. [145.686] IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHEN PROVIDING HEALTH TREATMENT AND SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a health professional who is licensed or registered by the state to provide health treatment and services within the professional's scope of practice and in accordance with state law.

- Subd. 2. Immunity from criminal liability. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a health care provider providing health treatment and services shall be immune from criminal liability for any harm or damages alleged to arise from an act or omission relating to the provision of health treatment and services, except as provided in paragraph (b).
- (b) Nothing in this section limits any liability for gross negligence; wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct; or intentional violation of law.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, repeal, or alter any other 1.18 immunity, defense, limitation of liability, or procedure available or required under any other 1.19 law or contract. 1.20

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