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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a working group to make recommendations on
1.3 methods to reduce administrative burdens for nursing homes in the state.

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

1.5 Section 1. RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE
1.6 BURDENS; NURSING HOMES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment; members. The commissioner of health must
1.8 convene a working group to study and make recommendations to the legislature as to
1.9 possible methods for reducing administrative burdens for nursing homes in the state. The
1.10 working group must consist of no more than ten members including, but not limited to,
1.11 the following:

- 1.12 (1) at least one member appointed by the commissioner of health;
- 1.13 (2) at least one member appointed by the commissioner of human services;
- 1.14 (3) at least three members representing nursing homes, including at least one nursing
1.15 home administrator;
- 1.16 (4) at least one member appointed by the Board on Aging; and
- 1.17 (5) at least one member appointed by the ombudsman for long-term care.

1.18 The appointing authorities under this subdivision must complete their appointments
1.19 by June 1, 2012.

1.20 Subd. 2. Duties; recommendations. The working group established under this
1.21 section must study the current state and federal reporting and inspection requirements for
1.22 nursing homes in this state and make recommendations for how these reports can be
1.23 consolidated or eliminated to reduce administrative burdens on nursing homes in the
1.24 state without jeopardizing patient safety.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The commissioner of health must convene the first meeting by
2.2 June 1, 2012. Meetings must be open to the public. The members of the working group
2.3 shall select a chair from their membership at the first meeting.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Report.** By December 15, 2012, the commissioner of health, with the
2.5 commissioner of human services, must submit to the legislature a report providing the
2.6 findings and recommendations of the working group. The report must include drafts
2.7 of any statutory or rule changes that are needed to implement the working group's
2.8 recommendations.

2.9 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires when the report required under
2.10 subdivision 4 is submitted.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.