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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2581

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; authorizing licensed dentists to administer influenza
1.3 vaccinations; providing for liability insurance coverage and insurance
1.4 reimbursement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.5 150A.

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

1.7 Section 1. [150A.055] ADMINISTRATION OF INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Practice of dentistry. A person licensed to practice dentistry under
1.9 sections 150A.01 to 150A.12 shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry while participating
1.10 in the administration of an influenza vaccination.

1.11 Subd. 2. Qualified dentists. The influenza immunization shall be administered
1.12 only to patients by licensed dentists who:

1.13 (1) have immediate access to emergency response equipment, including but not
1.14 limited to oxygen administration equipment, epinephrine, and other allergic reaction
1.15 response equipment; and

1.16 (2) have received training regarding both the administration of the influenza
1.17 vaccination and the emergency response to influenza vaccination reactions.

1.18 Subd. 3. Insurance coverage and reimbursement of immunizations. (a) All
1.19 health insurance companies and providers who provide or include influenza immunization
1.20 coverage or benefits in Minnesota as part of their health care contract with their subscriber
1.21 participants shall extend to those participants the same limits of coverage for payment
1.22 of administration of an influenza vaccination that may be provided or administered by a
1.23 licensed dentist pursuant to this section.

1.24 (b) All insurers of dental liability or malpractice insurance coverage that is provided
1.25 to licensed dentists in Minnesota shall include liability or malpractice insurance coverage

2.1 for the administration of influenza immunizations performed by covered subscribers,
2.2 subject to all dollar limits of liability coverage contained within the individual policies.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2014, and applies to
2.4 influenza immunizations performed on or after that date.