

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETIETH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1309**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/22/2017	707	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy
03/09/2017	1277a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; protecting physician-patient relationship by prohibiting

1.3 noncompete agreements; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

1.4 chapter 62J.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[62J.775] RESTRICTIVE NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** In order to maintain continuity of care, protect the

1.8 physician-patient relationship, and increase access to care, the right of physicians to practice

1.9 medicine in a particular locale and for a definite period of time shall not be restrained by

1.10 noncompete agreements.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Restrictive noncompete agreements.** Any contract or agreement that creates

1.12 or establishes the terms of a partnership, employment, or any other form of professional

1.13 relationship with a primary-care physician licensed to practice medicine under chapter 147

1.14 that includes any restriction on the right of the physician to practice medicine in any

1.15 geographic area for any period of time after the termination of the partnership, employment,

1.16 or professional relationship is void and unenforceable with respect to such restriction.

1.17 Nothing in this section shall render the remaining provisions of the contract or agreement

1.18 void or unenforceable.