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2806 Introduction and first reading  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to employment; allowing a minor age 16 or 17 to operate certain patient  
1.3 lifts in certain long-term care settings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section  
1.4 181A.04, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 181A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 8. Certain patient lifts. (a) For purposes of this subdivision:

1.9 (1) "Hoyer lift" means a manual or electric patient lift that may be freestanding, on  
1.10 wheels, or secured to a wall or the ceiling and in which an individual is positioned in a sling  
1.11 and an arm lifts and moves the sling through the air from one place to another; and

1.12 (2) "sit-to-stand lift" means a manual or electric patient lift in which a sling is positioned  
1.13 around an individual's body, the individual holds onto grab bars, and the lift assists the  
1.14 individual in rising from a sitting position to a standing position but does not support the  
1.15 individual's entire weight.

1.16 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a minor who is 16 or 17 years of age may  
1.17 operate or assist in the operation of a Hoyer lift or sit-to-stand lift in a nursing home licensed  
1.18 under chapter 144A, boarding care home licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, assisted  
1.19 living facility licensed under chapter 144G, or supervised living facility licensed under  
1.20 sections 144.50 to 144.56, as long as before initially operating a Hoyer lift or sit-to-stand  
1.21 lift, the minor:

1.22 (1) received training in the operation of the lift; and

- 2.1 (2) demonstrated competency in the operation of the lift through on-site competency
- 2.2 testing by a registered nurse.