A bill for an act
relating to health; prohibiting conversion therapy with children or vulnerable adults;
prohibiting medical assistance coverage for conversion therapy; prohibiting the
misrepresentation of conversion therapy services or products; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2022, sections 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; 325F.69, by adding
a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214.

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

Section 1. [214.078] PROTECTION FROM CONVERSION THERAPY.

Subdivision 1. Definition. "Conversion therapy" means any practice by a mental health
practitioner or mental health professional as defined in sections 245.462, subdivision 17,
and 245.4871, subdivision 27, that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or
gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate
or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.
Conversion therapy does not include counseling that provides assistance to an individual
undergoing gender transition, or counseling that provides acceptance, support, and
understanding of an individual or facilitates an individual's coping, social support, and
identity exploration and development, including sexual-orientation-neutral interventions to
prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, as long as the counseling
does not seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Subd. 2. Prohibition. (a) No mental health practitioner or mental health professional
shall engage in conversion therapy with a client younger than 18 years of age or with a
vulnerable adult as defined in section 626.5572, subdivision 21.

(b) Conversion therapy attempted by a mental health practitioner or mental health
professional with a client younger than 18 years of age or with a vulnerable adult shall be
considered unprofessional conduct that may subject the mental health practitioner or mental health professional to disciplinary action by the licensing board of the mental health practitioner or mental health professional.

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

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 5n. Conversion therapy.** Medical assistance does not cover conversion therapy as defined in section 214.078, subdivision 1.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.69, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 7. Advertisement and sales; misrepresentation of conversion therapy.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "conversion therapy" means services or products that are intended to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors and gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.

(b) No person or entity shall, while conducting any trade or commerce, use or employ any fraud, false pretense, false promise, false guarantee, misrepresentation, false or misleading statements, or deceptive practice by advertising or otherwise offering conversion therapy services that could reasonably be interpreted or inferred as representing homosexuality as a mental disease, disorder, or illness, or guaranteeing to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.