

Subject Study; registry of provider orders for life-sustaining treatment

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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to study issues related to the creation of a statewide registry of provider order for life-sustaining treatment (POLST) forms. A POLST form may be used by a patient with an advanced, serious illness and who is nearing the end of life to communicate the patient's medical treatment preferences regarding life-sustaining treatment to health care providers.

Summary

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1	Study of the development of a statewide registry for provider orders for life-sustaining treatment.
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Directs the commissioner of health to study and report on creating a statewide registry of provider order for life-sustaining treatment forms.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: commissioner, life-sustaining treatment, POLST, and POLST form. POLST is an acronym for provider order for life-sustaining treatment.

Subd. 2. Study. Directs the commissioner of health, in consultation with an advisory committee containing members from the communities listed in paragraph (c), to study the creation of a statewide registry of provider order for life-sustaining treatment (POLST) forms. Requires the registry to allow submission of completed POLST forms and to allow forms to be accessed by providers and EMS personnel in a timely manner. Requires the commissioner to develop recommendations on the listed items. Requires the commissioner to establish an advisory committee with members representing certain health care providers, nursing homes, EMS providers, hospice and palliative care providers, the disability community, lawyers, medical ethicists, and the religious community.

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Subd. 3. Report. Requires the commissioner to submit a report on the study and recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of certain legislative committees by February 1, 2023.



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