

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; amending the Patient's Bill of Rights to include continuous  
1.3 doula support and information about evidence-based nonpharmacological  
1.4 pain relief; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 144.651,  
1.5 subdivision 9.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 144.651, subdivision 9,  
1.8 is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 9. **Information about treatment.** (a) Patients and residents shall be given by  
1.10 their physicians complete and current information concerning their diagnosis, treatment,  
1.11 alternatives, risks, and prognosis as required by the physician's legal duty to disclose. This  
1.12 information shall be in terms and language the patients or residents can reasonably be  
1.13 expected to understand. Patients and residents may be accompanied by a family member  
1.14 or other chosen representative, or both. This information shall include the likely medical  
1.15 or major psychological results of the treatment and its alternatives. In cases where it is  
1.16 medically inadvisable, as documented by the attending physician in a patient's or resident's  
1.17 medical record, the information shall be given to the patient's or resident's guardian or  
1.18 other person designated by the patient or resident as a representative. Individuals have the  
1.19 right to refuse this information.

1.20 (b) Every patient or resident suffering from any form of breast cancer shall be fully  
1.21 informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during her stay, of all alternative  
1.22 effective methods of treatment of which the treating physician is knowledgeable, including  
1.23 surgical, radiological, or chemotherapeutic treatments or combinations of treatments and  
1.24 the risks associated with each of those methods.

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2.1            (c) Every patient receiving maternity care has the right to continuous support from a  
2.2            doula of her choice, in addition to her family, during her stay at the facility, so long as the  
2.3            doula performs doula services within an accepted scope of practice and standard of care.

2.4            (d) Maternity patients who chose a primary caregiver should receive as part of  
2.5            their prenatal education information regarding all methods of pain relief, including  
2.6            evidence-based nonpharmacological methods.