



CONVERSION THERAPY BAN

HF16/SF23 prohibits mental health practitioners and mental health professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with a client younger than 18 years of age or with a vulnerable adult.

Conversion therapy is a dangerous practice targeting LGBTQ+ youth and seeks to change their sexual or gender identities. This type of “reparative” therapy has been discredited by medical and mental health organizations and professionals for decades, and this bill prohibits its use on Minnesotan LGBTQ+ youth and vulnerable adults.

WHAT THE LAW DOES:

- Prohibits conversion therapy on minors and vulnerable adults
- Mental Health Professionals/ Practitioners who break this law would be subject to disciplinary action by the licensing board
- States that medical assistance will not cover conversion therapy
- Bans advertising of conversion therapy while conducting commerce

WHAT THE LAW DOESN'T DO:

- Ban gender-affirming care
- Ban counseling to anyone undergoing gender-transition

LEAD AUTHOR(S) & IMPLEMENTATION:

- House: Rep. Athena Hollins
- Senate: Sen. Scott Dibble
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