

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; adding a member to the Rural Health Advisory Committee
1.3 who is a licensed dentist; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 144.1481,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 144.1481, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** The commissioner of health shall establish
1.8 a ~~15-member~~ 16-member Rural Health Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist
1.9 of the following members, all of whom must reside outside the seven-county metropolitan
1.10 area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2:

1.11 (1) two members from the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, one from
1.12 the majority party and one from the minority party;

1.13 (2) two members from the senate of the state of Minnesota, one from the majority party
1.14 and one from the minority party;

1.15 (3) a volunteer member of an ambulance service based outside the seven-county
1.16 metropolitan area;

1.17 (4) a representative of a hospital located outside the seven-county metropolitan area;

1.18 (5) a representative of a nursing home located outside the seven-county metropolitan
1.19 area;

1.20 (6) a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine licensed under chapter 147;

1.21 (7) a dentist licensed under chapter 150A;

2.1 ~~(7)~~ (8) a midlevel practitioner;

2.2 ~~(8)~~ (9) a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;

2.3 ~~(9)~~ (10) a licensed health care professional from an occupation not otherwise represented
2.4 on the committee;

2.5 ~~(10)~~ (11) a representative of an institution of higher education located outside the
2.6 seven-county metropolitan area that provides training for rural health care providers; and

2.7 ~~(11)~~ (12) three consumers, at least one of whom must be an advocate for persons who
2.8 are mentally ill or developmentally disabled.

2.9 The commissioner will make recommendations for committee membership. Committee
2.10 members will be appointed by the governor. In making appointments, the governor shall
2.11 ensure that appointments provide geographic balance among those areas of the state outside
2.12 the seven-county metropolitan area. The chair of the committee shall be elected by the
2.13 members. The advisory committee is governed by section 15.059, except that the members
2.14 do not receive per diem compensation.