

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2603**

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05/11/2016		Special Order: Amended Third reading Passed

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to human rights; adding a requirement for closed captioning on  
 1.3 televisions in medical facilities; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
 1.4 Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[144.611] CAPTIONING REQUIRED.**

1.7 (a) This section applies to health care facilities licensed under this chapter.

1.8 (b) Any television in a waiting room provided for use by the general public, or by  
 1.9 individuals using or requesting services, must have a closed captioning feature activated at  
 1.10 all times if the television includes a captioning feature. A health care facility must make  
 1.11 reasonable efforts to prevent members of the general public and individuals using or  
 1.12 requesting services from independently deactivating a captioning feature.

1.13 (c) It is not a violation of this section if the captioning feature is deactivated by a  
 1.14 member of the general public or an individual using or requesting services, so long as the  
 1.15 captioning is reactivated as soon as practicable by a member of the facility staff upon  
 1.16 knowledge that the deactivation has occurred.

1.17 (d) This section does not affect any other provision of law relating to disability  
 1.18 discrimination or providing reasonable accommodations or diminish the rights of a person  
 1.19 with a disability under other law.