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NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to statutory construction; establishing a biological definition of male and  
1.3 female; defining terms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, by  
1.4 adding subdivisions.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. **Boy.** "Boy" means a minor human male.

1.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
1.10 read:

1.11 Subd. 8. **Father.** "Father" means a male parent.

1.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 9. **Female.** "Female" means, when used to refer to an individual, an individual  
1.15 who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly  
1.16 or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and  
1.17 utilizes eggs for fertilization.

2.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 10. **Gender.** "Gender" has the meaning given to sex in subdivision 15, when used  
2.4 alone to refer to males, females, or the natural differences between males and females.  
2.5 Gender is not considered a synonym or shorthand expression for gender identity, experienced  
2.6 gender, gender expression, or gender role. This definition does not apply when the term is  
2.7 used in conjunction with other words or as an adjective to modify other words, or when  
2.8 context or explicit definition in existing state law, administrative rules, or guidelines of a  
2.9 governmental entity indicates otherwise. Gender is not synonymous with gender identity.

2.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.11 read:

2.12 Subd. 11. **Girl.** "Girl" means a minor human female.

2.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.14 read:

2.15 Subd. 12. **Male.** "Male" means, when used to refer to an individual, an individual who  
2.16 naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly  
2.17 or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and  
2.18 utilizes sperm for fertilization.

2.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.20 read:

2.21 Subd. 13. **Man.** "Man" means an adult human male, except when used as a generic  
2.22 reference to human beings.

2.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.24 read:

2.25 Subd. 14. **Mother.** "Mother" means a female parent.

2.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.27 read:

2.28 Subd. 15. **Sex.** "Sex" means, when referring to a characteristic of an individual, the  
2.29 individual's biological sex, either male or female. Sex is not synonymous with gender  
2.30 identity.

- 3.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 645.451, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 3.2 to read:
- 3.3 Subd. 16. **Woman.** "Woman" means an adult human female.