



MN Trans Refuge Act

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the purpose of this law?

This law is designed to protect individuals receiving gender-affirming health care, and medical practitioners who provide gender-affirming care, in Minnesota. It restricts the enforcement of out-of-state laws barring gender-affirming care. This ensures a safe and supportive environment for those seeking or providing such care in the state.

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Does this law protect trans adults, or is it solely for children?

The law's protections against out-of-state subpoenas and extradition extend to any individual, adult or child, who accesses, provides, or assists someone else in accessing or providing gender-affirming health care in Minnesota. This means that everyone, regardless of age, is covered by the law's safeguards!

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If I am a trans individual considering relocation to Minnesota, how would this law provide me protection?

The law underscores Minnesota's commitment to safeguarding the rights of transgender, non-binary and gender expansive individuals to access gender-affirming health care. It offers assurance that out-of-state laws opposing such care won't be enforced in Minnesota, thereby creating a safer environment for you or your child to continue or begin gender-affirming health care!

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Can a non-resident trans individual receive gender-affirming health care in Minnesota?

Yes, anyone within the boundaries of Minnesota, including visitors, can seek and receive gender-affirming health care. You may be able to receive care, but it does not guarantee your insurance would cover such care in Minnesota.

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How does this law prevent me from being subpoenaed under the laws of another state?

The law prohibits Minnesota from recognizing or enforcing a subpoena related to the laws of another state with the purpose of impeding an individual's access to gender-affirming healthcare. It explicitly states that failure to comply with such a subpoena cannot serve as a basis for contempt in Minnesota courts.

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How does this law affect custody disputes if I am a parent allowing my child to receive gender-affirming health care?

The law ensures that a law from another state authorizing removal of a child from their parent because the parent allowed the child to receive gender-affirming health care is against the public policy of Minnesota and will not be enforced in the state. It also stipulates that a court order coming from out of state, calling for the removal of a child for this reason, will not be enforced in Minnesota.

