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NINETIETH SESSION**

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**OFFICIAL STATUS**  
Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; placing limits on the quantity of opiates that may be prescribed  
1.3 for acute dental and ophthalmic pain; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section  
1.4 152.11, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 152.11, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Limit on quantity of opiates prescribed for acute dental and ophthalmic**  
1.9 **pain.** (a) When used for the treatment of acute dental pain or acute pain associated with  
1.10 refractive surgery, prescriptions for opiate or narcotic pain relievers listed in Schedules II  
1.11 through IV of section 152.02 shall not exceed a four-day supply. The quantity prescribed  
1.12 shall be consistent with the dosage listed in the professional labeling for the drug that has  
1.13 been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

1.14 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "acute pain" means pain resulting from disease,  
1.15 accidental or intentional trauma, surgery, or another cause, that the practitioner reasonably  
1.16 expects to last only a short period of time. Acute pain does not include chronic pain or pain  
1.17 being treated as part of cancer care, palliative care, or hospice or other end-of-life care.