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S.C. No. 6

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Introduction
Referred to Rules and Administration

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A Senate concurrent resolution

1.2 designating a Minnesota statute as "Amara's Law."

1.3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives
1.4 concurring:

1.5 WHEREAS, per- and polyfluorinated substances, also known as PFAS, are a toxic group of
1.6 human-made chemicals that do not breakdown in the environment over time and are an emerging
1.7 public health crisis in Minnesota; and

1.8 WHEREAS, corporations in Minnesota that have historically manufactured PFAS dumped
1.9 and disposed of the chemicals unsafely; and

1.10 WHEREAS, PFAS continue to be discovered in dangerous levels in water wells, wastewater
1.11 treatment plants, landfills, compost sites, industrial manufacturing sites, lakes, rivers, and fish; and

1.12 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, studies have found
1.13 that high levels of PFAS may lead to increased cholesterol, decreased vaccine response, changes
1.14 in liver enzymes, increased high blood pressure or pre-eclampsia in pregnant women, decreased
1.15 infant birth weight, and increased risk of kidney or testicular cancer; and

1.16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Minnesota has passed landmark statutes regulating PFAS
1.17 and banning PFAS in certain sensitive consumer products; and

1.18 WHEREAS, Amara Strande of Woodbury advocated for and advanced this legislation through
1.19 her testimony to the Legislature of Minnesota; and

1.20 WHEREAS, Amara Strande passed away on April 14, 2023, at age 20 from a rare incurable
1.21 liver cancer; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.22 BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Statutes, section 116.943, regulating products containing
1.23 PFAS, shall be referred to as "Amara's Law."

2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legislature of Minnesota mourns alongside Reverend
2.2 Dana Strande and Michael Strande, parents of Amara, and is grateful for her powerful testimony
2.3 and advocacy.

2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of Minnesota that it recognizes April 14,
2.5 2023, as "Amara Strande Memorial Day" in Minnesota.

2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare two
2.7 enrolled copies of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and those of the Senate
2.8 Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Clerk of the House
2.9 of Representatives, and transmit them to Dana Strande and Michael Strande.