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Mr. Speaker,

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 294**, INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS, by Representative M. MacPherson, with the following amendments:

1. *Page Line 44:*

44 disease.

(b) "Health care facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-3-403.

45 ~~{(b)}~~ **(c) "Qualified individual" means an individual who experiences**
46 physical or emotional

47 distress when wearing a face covering if the physical or emotional distress is caused
48 by a diagnosed medical condition, mental health condition, or disability.

49 (2) ~~{A}~~ **Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a), a** place of public
50 accommodation or enterprise regulated by the state may not require a

49 qualified individual to wear a face covering as a condition for entering a premises owned
50 or operated by the entity described in this Subsection (2).

(3) (a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a health care facility may require the use of face coverings in an area in the health care facility where patient care or treatment is provided.

(b) Consistent with applicable federal law, nothing in Subsection (3)(a) allows a health care facility to deny services to a qualified individual who is not able to wear a face covering.

Respectfully,
Katie Hall
Vice-Chair

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