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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1591

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; allowing transfer of personal identifiers in the cancer reporting
1.3 system under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section
1.4 144.69; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.69, is amended to read:

1.7 144.69 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA ON INDIVIDUALS.

1.8 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, including section 13.05, subdivision 9, data
1.9 collected on individuals by the cancer surveillance reporting system, including the names
1.10 and personal identifiers of persons required in section 144.68 to report, shall be private and
1.11 may only be used for the purposes set forth in this section and sections 144.671, 144.672,
1.12 and 144.68. Any disclosure other than is provided for in this section and sections 144.671,
1.13 144.672, and 144.68, is declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as such. Except as
1.14 provided by rule, and as part of an epidemiologic investigation, an officer or employee of
1.15 the commissioner of health may interview patients named in any such report, or relatives
1.16 of any such patient, only after the consent of notifying the attending physician or surgeon
1.17 is obtained.

1.18 Sec. 2. [144.9999] TRANSFERS OF INFORMATION TO NON-MINNESOTA
1.19 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

1.20 (a) Information containing personal identifiers collected by the cancer reporting system
1.21 may be disseminated to the statewide cancer registry of other states solely for purposes

2.1 consistent with sections 144.671, 144.672, 144.68, and 144.69, provided that the other state  
2.2 agrees to maintain the classification of the information as provided under section 144.69.

2.3 (b) Information, excluding direct identifiers such as name, Social Security number,  
2.4 telephone number, and street address, collected by the cancer reporting system may be  
2.5 provided to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer  
2.6 Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results  
2.7 Program registry.

2.8 Sec. 3. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

2.9 The revisor of statutes shall change the term "cancer surveillance system" to "cancer  
2.10 reporting system" in Minnesota Statutes, sections 13.3806, subdivision 14, and 144.671.