

Subject Cancer reporting system

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Overview

This bill changes the name in statute of the cancer surveillance system administered by the commissioner of health to the cancer reporting system and modifies provisions governing access to data in the system and the sharing of data in the system.

Summary

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1	Classification of data on individuals.
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Amends § 144.69. Changes the name of the cancer surveillance system to the cancer reporting system. Allows Health Department employees to interview patients named in cancer reports, or their relatives, after notifying the patient's attending health professional, and allows the cancer reporting system to share certain data in the system with other state and national cancer registries.

Subd. 1. Data collected by the cancer reporting system. Changes the name from the cancer surveillance system to the cancer reporting system. Allows a Department of Health employee to interview patients named in cancer reports, or their relatives, after notifying an attending health care provider, rather than after obtaining consent from an attending health care provider as in current law. Requires research protections for patients to be consistent with section 13.04, subd. 2 (the Tennessen warning statute); and with federal rules governing protection of human research subjects.

Subd. 2. Transfer of information to state cancer registries and federal government agencies. Allows the cancer reporting system to:

- share information regarding a non-Minnesota resident that contains personal identifiers and is collected by the cancer reporting system with the statewide cancer registry of the nonresident's home state for purposes consistent with Minnesota's cancer reporting system, provided

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the receiving registry maintains the classification of the information as private; and

- share information, excluding direct identifiers, collected by the cancer reporting system with the CDC’s National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute’s cancer registry.

2 Revisor instruction.

Directs the revisor of statutes to change “cancer surveillance system” to “cancer reporting system” in statutes and rules.



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