

Chapter 83

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Subject Secretary of State: Safe at Home Program

Bill H.F. 3249

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Overview

The Safe at Home program is a statewide address confidentiality program for people who fear for their safety. It is administered by the secretary of state and governed by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 5B. Section 13.045 of the Government Data Practices Act permits program participants to notify other government entities of the person's participation in the Safe at Home program and requires most identity and location data about the participant to be classified as private data on individuals.

This bill makes various administrative changes to the Safe at Home program statutes and to section 13.045.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Definitions. Amends the definition of "mail" to clarify what "packages and parcels" are excluded from the definition.
2	Use of designated address. Clarifies what information cannot be disclosed after a participant has notified a person about his or her participation in the Safe at Home program.
3	Display by landlord. Clarifies the requirement that a landlord not display a participant's name at an address the rented by the participant.
4	Definitions. Amends definitions in the Government Data Practices Act related to Safe at Home program participation. Limits the definition of "location data" to data specified by the participant. Provides a more comprehensive definition of "real property records."

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5	<p>Notification of certification.</p> <p>Adds date of birth to program notifications. Adds a parent/guardian signature to notifications if the participant is a minor. Provides a process for submitting real property notices to government entities other than county recorders given the more comprehensive definition of “real property records” in section 4.</p>
6	<p>Classification of identity and location data; amendment of records; sharing and dissemination.</p> <p>Consolidates the prohibition on sharing private or confidential location data on a program participant. Allows existing government records to be changed to remove private location data and reflect a participant’s designated address.</p>
7	<p>Real property records.</p> <p>Updates the protections for real property records to reflect the expanded definition in section 4. Allows protected participant data to be shared for purposes of administering assessment and taxation laws. Requires a government entity to notify the secretary of state within 90 days if a real property notice is terminated.</p>



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