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Section

1 Firefighters' cancer registry. Adds § 144.6906. Establishes a registry to collect data on the incidence of cancer among firefighters.

Subd. 1. Purpose. States that the National Institutes of Occupational Safety and Health have found that firefighters are at increased risk of mesothelioma, lung cancer, and leukemia, and that a state-based cancer registry will allow researchers to research cancer incidence among firefighters and will lead to better safety precautions that lower cancer risks.

Subd. 2. Establishment. Directs the commissioner of health to establish a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters. Allows registry data to be used to improve collection infrastructure and to collect and make publicly available information about cancer incidence and trends among firefighters.

Subd. 3. Collection of data. Specifies data the commissioner must include in the registry, and requires the data to be de-identified, which means a person's identity cannot be connected with the information.

Subd. 4. Report and public access. Requires the commissioner to annually report, beginning January 1, 2019, to the legislative committees on health care, on data collected from the registry. Requires the report to include summary data and to be made available to the public, and requires a process for registry data to be made available without a fee for research purposes.

Subd. 5. Classification of data. Classifies data in the cancer registry as private, confidential data on individuals, and allows it to be used only for the purposes in subdivision 2.

Section

2 **Appropriation.** Makes a blank appropriation for fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the firefighters' cancer registry.