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As introduced

Subject Cancer reporting system

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Overview

This bill changes the name of the cancer surveillance system to the cancer reporting system and allows the cancer reporting system to share certain data in the system with other state and national cancer registries.

Summary

Section Description

1 Classification of data on individuals.

Amends § 144.69. Changes the name of the cancer surveillance system to the cancer reporting system. Allows Health Department employees, as part of an epidemiologic investigation, to interview patients and relatives named in reports to the cancer reporting system after notifying the patient's physician (under current law department employees must obtain the physician's consent before interviewing patients or relatives).

2 Transfers of information to non-Minnesota state and federal government agencies.

Adds § 144.9999. Paragraph (a) allows the cancer reporting system to share information in the system containing personal identifiers with a statewide cancer registry of another state, provided the other state will use the information for purposes consistent with the cancer reporting system and agrees to maintain the information as classified in Minnesota law.

Paragraph (b) allows the cancer reporting system to share information, excluding direct identifiers, with the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program registry.

3 Revisor instruction.

Directs the revisor of statutes to change the term "cancer surveillance system" to "cancer reporting system" in statutes.



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