

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; classifying certain data as private; requiring informed consent
1.3 for birth defects information; making available a visit by a public health nurse;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.3806, by adding a subdivision;
1.5 144.2215, subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.3806, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 21. Birth defects registry system. Data on individuals collected by the
1.10 birth defects registry system are private data on individuals and classified pursuant to
1.11 section 144.2215.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.2215, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of health shall establish and
1.14 maintain an information system containing data on the cause, treatment, prevention,
1.15 and cure of major birth defects. The commissioner shall consult with representatives
1.16 and experts in epidemiology, medicine, insurance, health maintenance organizations,
1.17 genetics, consumers, and voluntary organizations in developing the system and may phase
1.18 in the implementation of the system. After the parents have provided informed consent
1.19 under section 144.2216, subdivision 4, the commissioner shall offer the parents with their
1.20 informed consent a visit by a public health nurse or other qualified individual to interview
1.21 the parents about:

1.22 (1) possible exposure to toxic substances in their environment, either in their home,
1.23 workplace, or elsewhere;

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- 2.1 (2) all previous home addresses, occupations, and places of work including from
2.2 childhood;
- 2.3 (3) the time and place of any military service during which toxic exposure may
2.4 have occurred; and
- 2.5 (4) any other occasions or sites of possible toxic exposure.