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## *FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT*

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

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*Referred by Chair to Housing Policy and Finance and Public Health Finance Division.*

February 27, 2007

*Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.*

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; classifying certain data as private; requiring informed consent  
1.3 for the birth defects information system; appropriating money; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.3806, by adding a subdivision; 144.2215,  
1.5 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;

- 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.

2.6 **Sec. 3. MINNESOTA BIRTH DEFECTS INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

- 2.7 \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health to  
2.8 maintain the birth defects information system that was established by Minnesota Statutes,  
2.9 section 144.2215. The appropriation is available for the biennium ending June 30, 2009.