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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

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By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Housing Policy and Finance and Public Health Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; providing for collection of certain data relating to  
1.3 environmental toxicity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.3806,  
1.4 subdivision 14; 144.671.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.3806, subdivision 14, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 14. **Cancer surveillance system.** Data on individuals collected by the cancer  
1.9 surveillance system are private data on individuals and classified pursuant to section  
1.10 144.69.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.671, is amended to read:

1.12 **144.671 CANCER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; PURPOSE.**

1.13 (a) The commissioner of health shall establish a statewide population-based cancer  
1.14 surveillance system. The purpose of this system is to:

1.15 (1) monitor incidence trends of cancer to detect potential public health problems,  
1.16 predict risks, and assist in investigating cancer clusters;

1.17 (2) more accurately target intervention resources for communities and patients  
1.18 and their families;

1.19 (3) inform health professionals and citizens about risks, early detection, and  
1.20 treatment of cancers known to be elevated in their communities; and

1.21 (4) promote high quality research to provide better information for cancer control  
1.22 and to address public concerns and questions about cancer.

2.1 (b) In order to implement the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1), at the time of  
2.2 diagnosis of cancer, the commissioner shall offer the patient with the patient's informed  
2.3 consent a visit by a public health nurse or other qualified individual to interview the  
2.4 patient about:

2.5 (1) possible exposure to toxic substances in the environment, whether in the home,  
2.6 workplace, or elsewhere;

2.7 (2) all previous home addresses, occupations, and places of work including from  
2.8 childhood;

2.9 (3) the time and place of any military service during which toxic exposure may  
2.10 have occurred; and

2.11 (4) any other occasions or sites of possible toxic exposure.