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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic safety; expanding and protecting certain data items on the death
1.3 certificates of decedents; providing surviving family members greater access to
1.4 crashed vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.10, by adding
1.5 a subdivision; 169.09, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.10, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 5a. **Social Security number.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this
1.10 chapter or chapter 144, the Social Security number of a decedent on the decedent's death
1.11 certificate is classified as private data on decedents, in accordance with subdivision 2.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to death
1.13 certificates filed with the state registrar on or after that date.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.09, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.15 to read:

1.16 Subd. 17a. **Access to crashed vehicle.** Notwithstanding any other provision of
1.17 Minnesota Statutes, the immediate family members, and their designees, of any decedent
1.18 who has died within ten days and as the result of a motor vehicle accident shall have right
1.19 of access to any motor vehicle involved in that accident for a period of no less than 15
1.20 days following the funeral of the decedent.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to fatal
1.22 motor vehicle crashes occurring on or after that date.

2.1 Sec. 3. **DEATH CERTIFICATE.**

2.2 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 144.213, or any other provision
2.3 of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144, the state registrar shall, at the earliest practicable
2.4 date in the judgment of the state registrar, add to the information collected on the death
2.5 certificate the mother's married surname.

2.6 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 144.221, or any other provision
2.7 of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144, the state registrar and local registrars shall cease
2.8 collecting the deceased person's Social Security number on the death certificate.