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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring collection of cancer incidence data on firefighters to
1.3 be reported on the cancer surveillance system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
1.4 section 144.672, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 144.672, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Rule authority.** The commissioner of health shall collect cancer incidence
1.8 information, analyze the information, and conduct special studies designed to determine
1.9 the potential public health significance of an increase in cancer incidence.

1.10 The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer the system, collect information, and
1.11 distribute data. The rules must include, but not be limited to, the following:

1.12 (1) the type of data to be reported including whether an individual is or was a full-time
1.13 or volunteer firefighter and the name of the fire department where the individual worked;

1.14 (2) standards for reporting specific types of data;

1.15 (3) payments allowed to hospitals, pathologists, and registry systems to defray their
1.16 costs in providing information to the system;

1.17 (4) criteria relating to contracts made with outside entities to conduct studies using data
1.18 collected by the system. The criteria may include requirements for a written protocol outlining
1.19 the purpose and public benefit of the study, the description, methods, and projected results
1.20 of the study, peer review by other scientists, the methods and facilities to protect the privacy
1.21 of the data, and the qualifications of the researcher proposing to undertake the study; and

2.1 (5) specification of fees to be charged under section 13.03, subdivision 3, for all
2.2 out-of-pocket expenses for data summaries or specific analyses of data requested by public
2.3 and private agencies, organizations, and individuals, and which are not otherwise included
2.4 in the commissioner's annual summary reports. Fees collected are appropriated to the
2.5 commissioner to offset the cost of providing the data.