

A bill for an act

relating to health; modifying provisions of the cancer surveillance system;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 13.3806, subdivision 14; 144.671.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.3806, subdivision 14, is amended to
read:

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

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.671, is amended to read:

144.671 CANCER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; PURPOSE.

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

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

(2) more accurately target intervention resources for communities ~~and~~ patients,
and their families;

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

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

2.1 (b) In order to implement the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1), the
2.2 commissioner shall administer to the patient with the patient's informed consent a standard
2.3 questionnaire that requests information on the following:

2.4 (1) information from childhood on all previous home addresses, occupations, and
2.5 places of work;

2.6 (2) the time and place of any military service;

2.7 (3) possible exposure whether in the home, workplace, or elsewhere, to potentially
2.8 toxic substances listed on the questionnaire; and

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

2.10 (c) The commissioner of health must determine at least 40 potentially toxic
2.11 substances to be listed on the questionnaire, as required in paragraph (b), clause (3),
2.12 and review and update the list annually.