

CHAPTER 126—H.F.No. 470

An act relating to family law; eliminating the requirement that a husband's consent to donor insemination be filed with the commissioner of health; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 257.56, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 257.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. If, under the supervision of a licensed physician and with the consent of her husband, a wife is inseminated artificially with semen donated by a man not her husband, the husband is treated in law as if he were the natural father of a child thereby conceived. The husband's consent must be in writing and signed by him and his wife. ~~The physician shall certify their signatures and the date of the insemination, and file the husband's consent with the commissioner of health, who shall keep it confidential and in a sealed file. However, the physician's failure to file the consent does not affect the father and child relationship.~~ The consent must be retained by the physician for at least four years after the confirmation of a pregnancy that occurs during the process of artificial insemination.

All papers and records pertaining to the insemination, whether part of the permanent record of a court or of a file held by the supervising physician or elsewhere, are subject to inspection only upon an order of the court for good cause shown.

Sec. 2. **EXISTING CONSENT FILE.**

On the effective date of section 1, the commissioner of health shall mail all consents on file at that time to the physicians who submitted them. If the current address of the physician submitting any consent cannot be determined, the commissioner shall destroy that consent.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 14, 1987

CHAPTER 127—H.F.No. 555

An act relating to crimes; prohibiting giving peace officers false names; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.