

owner who duly registers the vehicle. Any owner at the time of such occurrence, whose vehicle shall be permanently destroyed, or sold to the federal government, the state, or political subdivision thereof, shall upon filing a verified claim be entitled to a refund of the unused portion of the tax paid upon the vehicle, computed as follows:

(1) If the vehicle is registered under the calendar year system of registration, the refund is computed pro rata by the month, 1/12 of the annual tax paid for each month of the year remaining after the month in which the plates and certificate were returned to the registrar;

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered under the monthly series system of registration, the amount of the refund is equal to the sum of the amounts of the license fee attributable to those months remaining in the licensing period after the month in which the plates and certificate were returned to the registrar.

There is hereby appropriated to the persons entitled to a refund, from the fund or account in the state treasury to which the money was credited, an amount sufficient to make the refund and payment.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective August 1, 1995, for claims for refund made on and after that date.

Presented to the governor March 27, 1995

Signed by the governor March 29, 1995, 1:05 p.m.

CHAPTER 29—S.F.No. 229

An act relating to government data practices; medical examiner data; allowing sharing of such data with a state or federal agency charged with investigating a death; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 13.83, subdivisions 4 and 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 13.83, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **INVESTIGATIVE DATA.** Data created or collected by a county coroner or medical examiner which is part of an active investigation mandated by chapter 390, or any other general or local law relating to coroners or medical examiners is confidential data or protected nonpublic data, until the completion of the coroner's or medical examiner's final summary of findings at which point but may be disclosed to a state or federal agency charged by law with investigating the death of the deceased individual about whom the medical examiner or

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coroner has medical examiner data. Upon completion of the coroner's or medical examiner's final summary of findings, the data collected in the investigation and the final summary ~~thereof shall become~~ of it are private or nonpublic data; ~~unless.~~ However, if the final summary and the death certificate indicate the manner of death is homicide, undetermined, or pending investigation and there is an active law enforcement investigation, within the meaning of section 13.82, subdivision 5, relating to the death of the deceased individual: ~~if there is an active law enforcement investigation of a possible homicide,~~ the data remain confidential or protected nonpublic. ~~However,~~ Upon review by the county attorney of the jurisdiction in which the law enforcement investigation is active, the data may be released to persons described in subdivision 8 if the county attorney determines release would not impede the ongoing investigation. When the law enforcement investigation becomes inactive, the data ~~shall become~~ are private or nonpublic data. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to make not public the data elements identified in subdivision 2 at any point in the investigation or thereafter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 13.83, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **OTHER DATA.** All other medical examiner data on deceased individuals are nonpublic and shall not be disclosed except:

(1) pursuant to the provisions of chapter 390, or any other general or local law on county coroners or medical examiners;

(2) to a state or federal agency charged by law with investigating the death of the deceased individual about whom the medical examiner or coroner has medical examiner data; or

(3) pursuant to a valid court order.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Presented to the governor March 31, 1995

Signed by the governor March 31, 1995, 10:40 a.m.

CHAPTER 30—S.F.No. 214

An act relating to crime prevention; providing an exception to the prohibition on concealing identity; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 609.735.

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

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