

**144.91 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The state commissioner of health is authorized to develop and carry on a program in the field of human genetics which shall include the collection and interpretation of data relating to human hereditary diseases and pathologic conditions; the assembly, preparation and dissemination of informational material on the subject for professional counselors and the lay public; the conduct of such research studies as may stimulate reduction in the frequency of manifestation of various deleterious genes, and the provision of counseling services to the public on problems of human genetics. It shall consult and cooperate with the University of Minnesota, the Public Health Service and the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and with nationally recognized scientific and professional organizations engaged in studying the problems of human genetics.

**History:** 1959 c 572 s 1; 1977 c 305 s 45