144.221 DEATH REGISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **When and where to file.** A death record for each death which occurs in the state shall be filed with the state registrar within five days after death and prior to final disposition.

Subd. 2. **Rules governing death registration.** The commissioner of health shall establish in rule an orderly mechanism for the registration of deaths including at least a designation for who must file the death record, a procedure for the registration of deaths in moving conveyances, and provision to include cause and certification of death and assurance of registration prior to final disposition.

Subd. 3. **When no body is found.** When circumstances suggest that a death has occurred although a dead body cannot be produced to confirm the fact of death, a death record shall not be registered until a court has adjudicated the fact of death.

History: *1978 c 699 s 10; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 15 s 18,19,32; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2005 c 106 s 56*