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H. F. No. 2891

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; allowing the Department of Health to collect information on  
1.3 firearm ownership under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2016, sections 13.3805, by adding a subdivision; 144.05, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.3805, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Firearm ownership.** All data created, collected, received, or maintained by  
1.9 the Department of Health on individuals with firearm ownership is private data on individuals  
1.10 and must be de-identified for purposes of public health research or epidemiologic  
1.11 investigation. Health data on individuals with firearm ownership under this section may not  
1.12 be disclosed to any person or agency unless it is de-identified. For purposes of this  
1.13 subdivision, "de-identified" means the process used to prevent a person's identity from being  
1.14 connected with information and ensuring that all personally identifiable information has  
1.15 been removed.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 144.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 5. **Firearms data.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of  
1.18 health is prohibited from collecting data on individuals regarding lawful firearm ownership  
1.19 in the state or data related to an individual's right to carry a weapon under section 624.714,  
1.20 except for the purpose of public health research or epidemiologic investigation. The  
1.21 provisions of section 13.3805, subdivision 6, apply for collection of data on individual  
1.22 firearm ownership for public health research or epidemiologic investigation.