

CHAPTER 637 — S.F.No. 2102

An act relating to health; providing counseling and educational services for sudden infant death syndrome families; encouraging autopsies on victims of sudden infant death syndrome; requiring the report of sudden infant death to the registrar of vital statistics; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 144.07; 144.222; and 390.11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 144.07, is amended to read:

144.07 POWERS OF COMMISSIONER.

The commissioner may:

(1) make all reasonable rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect the provisions of sections 144.06, 144.07, and 144.09, and may amend, alter, or repeal such rules or regulations;

(2) accept private gifts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of those sections;

(3) cooperate with agencies, whether city, state, federal, or private, which carry on work for maternal and infant hygiene; ~~and~~

(4) make investigations and recommendations for the purpose of improving maternity care;

(5) promote programs and services available in Minnesota for parents and families of victims of sudden infant death syndrome; and

(6) collect and report to the legislature the most current information regarding the frequency and causes of sudden infant death syndrome.

The commissioner shall include in his report to the legislature a statement of the operation of those sections.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 144.222, is amended to read:

144.222 REPORTS OF FETAL OR INFANT DEATH.

Subdivision 1. Each fetal death which occurs in this state shall be reported within five days to the state registrar as prescribed by rule by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. Each infant death which is diagnosed as sudden infant death syndrome shall be reported promptly to the state registrar.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 390.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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Subd. 10. If a child under the age of two years dies suddenly and unexpectedly under circumstances indicating that the death may have been caused by sudden infant death syndrome, the coroner, medical examiner, or personal physician shall notify the child's parents or guardian that an autopsy is essential to establish the cause of death as sudden infant death syndrome. If an autopsy reveals that sudden infant death syndrome is the cause of death, that fact must be stated in the autopsy report. The parents or guardian of the child shall be promptly notified of the cause of death and of the availability of counseling services.

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CHAPTER 638 — S.F.No. 2043

An act relating to the legislative auditor; clarifying authority to perform program evaluations of metropolitan commissions; authorizing the audit of certain metropolitan commissions; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 3.971, subdivision 2; 473.413, subdivision 11; 473.595, subdivision 5; 473.604, by adding a subdivision; and 473.703, by adding a subdivision; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 3.971, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. To perform program evaluation, the legislative auditor shall determine the degree to which the activities and programs entered into or funded by the state are accomplishing their goals and objectives, including an evaluation of goals and objectives, measurement of program results and effectiveness, alternative means of achieving the same results, and efficiency in the allocation of resources. At the direction of the commission the legislative auditor may perform program evaluations of any state department, board, commission, or agency and any metropolitan agency, board, or commission created under chapter 473.

Sec. 2. [3.9741] COST OF EXAMINATION, BILLING, PAYMENT.

Upon the audit of the financial accounts and affairs of any commission pursuant to section 473.413, 473.595, 473.604, or 473.703, the affected metropolitan commission is liable to the state for the total cost and expenses of the audit, including the salaries paid to the examiners while actually engaged in making the examination. The legislative auditor may bill the metropolitan commission either monthly or at the completion of the audit. All collections received for the audits must be deposited in the general fund.

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