

5; 144.1761; 144.218, subdivision 1; and 259.49. The birth and death records of the commissioner of health shall be open to inspection by the commissioner of human services and it shall not be necessary for the commissioner of human services to obtain an order of the court in order to inspect records or to secure certified copies of them.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 144.225, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **ACCESS TO RECORDS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.** The state registrar may permit persons performing medical research access to the information restricted in subdivision 2 if those persons agree in writing not to disclose private or confidential data on individuals.

Sec. 3. **APPLICATION TO EXISTING DATA.**

(a) Section 1, paragraph (a), is effective August 1, 1991, and applies to data pertaining to births that occur on or after that date. The mother of a minor child who was born before August 1, 1991, and who was not adopted, may file an affidavit with the state registrar designating that data pertaining to the birth that were not accessible to the public under Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 144.225, subdivision 2, become public data.

(b) Section 1, paragraph (b), is effective August 1, 1991, and applies to data pertaining to births that occur before, on, or after the effective date.

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**CHAPTER 204—H.F.No. 628**

*An act relating to traffic regulations; increasing the fine for violating seat belt requirements; reallocating fine receipts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 169.686, subdivisions 1 and 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 169.686, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **SEAT BELT REQUIREMENT.** A properly adjusted and fastened seat belt shall be worn by:

- (1) the driver of a passenger vehicle;
- (2) a passenger riding in the front seat of a passenger vehicle; and

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(3) a passenger riding in any seat of a passenger vehicle who is older than three but younger than 11 years of age.

A person who is 15 years of age or older and who violates clause (1) or (2) is subject to a fine of ~~\$40~~ \$25. The driver of the passenger vehicle in which the violation occurred is subject to a ~~\$40~~ \$25 fine for a violation of clause (2) or (3) by a child of the driver under the age of 15 or any child under the age of 11. A peace officer may not issue a citation for a violation of this section unless the officer lawfully stopped or detained the driver of the motor vehicle for a moving violation other than a violation involving motor vehicle equipment. The department of public safety shall not record a violation of this subdivision on a person's driving record.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 169.686, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **APPROPRIATION; SPECIAL ACCOUNT.** The fines collected for a violation of subdivision 1 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a special account to be known as the emergency medical services relief account. Ninety percent of the money in the account shall be distributed to the eight regional emergency medical services systems designated by the commissioner under section 144.8093, for personnel education and training, equipment and vehicle purchases, and operational expenses of emergency life support transportation services. The board of directors of each emergency medical services region shall establish criteria for funding. Ten percent of the money in the account shall be distributed to the commissioner of public safety for the expenses of traffic safety educational programs conducted by state patrol troopers.

Sec. 3. **[169.983] SPEEDING VIOLATIONS; CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OF FINES.**

The officer who issues a citation for a violation by a person who does not reside in Minnesota of section 169.14 or 169.141 shall give the defendant the option to plead guilty to the violation upon issuance of the citation and to pay the fine to the issuing officer with a credit card.

The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section, including specifying the types of credit cards that may be used.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective for violations that occur on or after August 1, 1991.

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