

## CHAPTER 121

## MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY STUDY

S. F. 340

AN ACT relating to the confidential character of research studies for the purpose of reducing morbidity or mortality.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Any person, hospital, sanitorium, nursing or rest home  
2 or other organization may provide information, interviews, reports,  
3 statements, memoranda, or other data relating to the condition and  
4 treatment of any person to the state department of health, the Iowa  
5 medical society or any of its allied medical societies or the Iowa  
6 society of osteopathic physicians and surgeons or any in-hospital staff  
7 committee, to be used in the course of any study for the purpose of  
8 reducing morbidity or mortality, and no liability of any kind or char-  
9 acter for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against  
10 any person or organization by reason of having provided such infor-  
11 mation or material, or by reason of having released or published the  
12 findings and conclusions of such groups to advance medical research  
13 and medical education, or by reason of having released or published  
14 generally a summary of such studies.

1 SEC. 2. The state department of health, the Iowa medical society  
2 or any of its allied medical societies or the Iowa society of osteopathic  
3 physicians and surgeons or any in-hospital staff committee shall use  
4 or publish said material only for the purpose of advancing medical  
5 research or medical education in the interest of reducing morbidity  
6 or mortality, except that a summary of such studies may be released  
7 by any such group for general publication. In all events the identity  
8 of any person whose condition or treatment has been studied shall be  
9 confidential and shall not be revealed under any circumstances. A  
10 violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and be punish-  
11 able as such.

1 SEC. 3. All information, interviews, reports, statements, memo-  
2 randa, or other data furnished in accordance with this Act and any  
3 findings or conclusions resulting from such studies shall not be used  
4 or offered or received in evidence in any legal proceedings of any kind  
5 or character, but nothing contained herein shall be construed as af-  
6 fecting the admissibility as evidence of the primary medical or hos-  
7 pital records pertaining to the patient or of any other writing, record  
8 or reproduction thereof not contemplated by this Act.

Approved June 4, 1963.