

5 confidentiality, except for (a) such information as the patient or his
6 guardian consents to be released, or in the case of a minor, the parent
7 or guardian, or (b) such statistical data compiled without reference
8 to the identity of any patient.

1 SEC. 6. NEW SECTION. **Penalty.** A person who violates the con-
2 fidentiality provision of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
3 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than one
4 hundred (100) dollars.

Approved April 8, 1974

CHAPTER 1139

VITAL STATISTICS

S. F. 1237

AN ACT relating to vital statistics.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred forty-four point forty-three
2 (144.43), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new unnum-
3 bered paragraph:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The provisions of this section
5 shall not apply to the following vital statistics if they are sixty-five
6 years old or older:

- 7 1. A record of birth if that birth did not occur out of wedlock.
- 8 2. A record of marriage.
- 9 3. A record of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment of
10 marriage.
- 11 4. A record of death if that death was not a fetal death.

12 However, a vital statistic, as described in this paragraph, shall be
13 inspected and copied, as of right under chapter sixty-eight A (68A)
14 of the Code, only when they are in the custody of a county or of a local
15 registrar.

1 SEC. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall
2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Adams
3 County Free Press, a newspaper published in Corning, Iowa, and in The
4 Clayton County Register, a newspaper published in Elkader, Iowa.

Approved May 8, 1974

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 1237, was published in the Adams
County Free Press, Corning, Iowa, May 16, 1974, and in The Clayton County Register,
Elkader, Iowa, May 15, 1974.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*