

**36.3 Duties of the department.**

The department shall:

1. Provide the forms for the reports required in [section 36.2](#). The report form shall require the doctor to provide all of the following:

- a. Symptoms of the veteran which may be related to exposure to chemicals.
- b. Diagnosis of the veteran.
- c. Methods of treatment prescribed.

2. Annually compile and evaluate the information submitted in the reports pursuant to [subsection 1](#), in consultation and cooperation with a certified medical toxicologist selected by the department. The department shall submit the report to the governor, the general assembly, and the United States department of veterans affairs. The report shall include current research data on the effects of exposure to chemicals, statistical information received from individual physicians' reports, and statistical information from the epidemiological investigations pursuant to [subsection 3](#).

3. Conduct epidemiological investigations of veterans who have cancer or other medical problems or who have children born with birth defects associated with exposure to chemicals, in consultation and cooperation with a certified medical toxicologist selected by the department. The department shall obtain consent from a veteran before conducting the investigations. The department shall cooperate with local and state agencies during the course of an investigation.

[83 Acts, ch 141, §3](#)

[CS83, §139A.3](#)

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1714; 92 Acts, ch 1140, §15](#)

[C93, §36.3](#)

[2005 Acts, ch 115, §23, 40; 2007 Acts, ch 22, §14; 2009 Acts, ch 26, §7](#)

Referred to in [§36.2, §36.4](#)