

Senate Study Bill 1228 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the protection of certain patient
2 information and data under the purview of the department of
3 public health.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

DATA COLLECTION — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Section 1. Section 135.166, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

2. Unless otherwise authorized or required by state or federal law, data collected under **this section** shall not include the social security number or name of the individual subject of the data.

DIVISION II

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES — PATIENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **147A.4A Patient medical information — limitations.**

1. Unless otherwise authorized or required by state or federal law, data collected under this subchapter, including patient care reports, that contain a patient's medical information, shall not include the social security number or name of the patient who is the subject of the data.

2. For the purposes of this section:

a. "Patient care report" means a computerized or written report that documents the assessment and management of a patient by an emergency care provider in an out-of-hospital setting.

b. "Patient's medical information" means any information in an emergency medical services ambulance or transport document or report, including a patient care report, that identifies a patient who is the subject of the information or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used to identify the patient.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill relates to the protection of certain patient health data and information under the purview of the department of public health (DPH).

HOSPITAL DATA. Division I of the bill provides that, with

1 regard to certain inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory data
2 collected from hospitals, unless otherwise authorized or
3 required by state or federal law, in addition to the social
4 security number, the name of the individual subject of the data
5 shall not be included in data collected from hospitals by DPH.

6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. Division II of the bill
7 provides that, unless otherwise authorized or required by
8 state or federal law, data collected under Code chapter 147A,
9 subchapter I (emergency medical care), including patient care
10 reports, that contain a patient's medical information, shall
11 not include the social security number or name of the patient
12 who is the subject of the data.

13 The division defines "patient care report" as a computerized
14 or written report that documents the assessment and
15 management of a patient by an emergency care provider in an
16 out-of-hospital setting; and "patient's medical information" as
17 any information in an emergency medical services ambulance or
18 transport document or report, including a patient care report,
19 that identifies a patient who is the subject of the information
20 or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe
21 that the information could be used to identify the patient.