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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to vital statistics; to amend section 71-602,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements
- 3 relating to standard forms and release of health data and
- 4 statistical research information; and to repeal the original
- 5 section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 71-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 71-602 (1) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and
4 regulations prescribing all standard forms for registering with or
5 reporting to the department and for certification to the public of any
6 birth, abortion, marriage, annulment, dissolution of marriage, or death
7 registered in Nebraska. Such forms shall (a) provide for the registration
8 of vital events as accurately as possible, (b) secure information about
9 the economic, educational, occupational, and sociological backgrounds of
10 the individuals involved in the registered events and their parents as a
11 basis for statistical research or quality improvement in order to reduce
12 morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life, (c) accomplish
13 such duties in a manner which will be uniform with forms for reporting
14 similar events which have been established by the United States Public
15 Health Service to the extent such forms are consistent with state law,
16 and (d) permit other deviations from such forms as will reduce the costs
17 of gathering information, increase efficiency, or protect the health and
18 safety of the people of Nebraska without jeopardizing such uniformity.

19 (2) All information designated by the department on all certificates
20 as being for health data and statistical research shall be confidential
21 and may be released only to the United States Public Health Service or
22 its successor, government health agencies, statewide quality improvement
23 initiatives, or a researcher utilizing a clear and expedient application
24 process, as approved by the department in accordance with its rules and
25 regulations. The department shall ~~may~~ publish at least annually on its
26 website analyses of any information received on the forms for scientific
27 and public health purposes in such a manner as to assure that the
28 identity of any individual cannot be ascertained. The release of such
29 information pursuant to this section shall not make otherwise
30 confidential information a public record.

31 **Sec. 2.** Original section 71-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of

1 Nebraska, is repealed.