

S.F. No. 2193 – Vaccine Connector Data

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S.F. 2193 establishes regulations for data collected through the state’s vaccine connector.

Section 1 regulates data collected by the commissioner of health through the vaccine connector.

Subdivision 1 defines the following terms: commissioner; vaccine connector; vaccine connector data.

Subd. 2 specifies the information that an individual must provide to fully register with the vaccine connector: name; address; phone number or email address; date of birth; occupation; health information necessary to determine vaccine priority; and need for an interpreter. Permits other information from individuals to be collected through the vaccine connector if it is made clear and explicit that an individual may decline to provide any additional information.

Subd. 3 classifies the vaccination connector data as private data on individuals.

Subd. 4, paragraph (a) permits the commissioner and any government entity that receives vaccine connector data to use the data to (1) alert individuals when they are eligible to receive a COVID vaccine; (2) connect individuals to resources to schedule a COVID vaccine appointment; (3) notify individuals of vaccine opportunities in their area; and (4) prepare summary data as authorized in statute. Any other use is prohibited.

Paragraph (b) prohibits the commissioner from sharing vaccine connector data with any government entity or person unless (1) the data subject has been informed that the specific government entity or person may receive data about the subject; and (2) the subject of the data has affirmatively consented to data sharing with that government entity or person.

Paragraph (c) requires the commissioner to establish written procedures to ensure that only individuals authorized by the commissioner enters, updates or accesses vaccine connector data. Requires an individual’s ability to enter, update or access connector data to correspond with that individual’s official duties or training level. Requires all queries and responses and

actions regarding the data to be recorded in a data audit trail. Data contained in the audit trail that identify individuals are classified as private data on individuals. The audit trail must be made available in a public format that does not identify individuals or contain uniquely identifiable information.

Subd. 5, paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to destroy vaccine connector data by one year after the date the data was initially collected or by June 1, 2022, whichever is later.

Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to destroy connector data on an individual upon written request from that individual and must provide a link on the connector website allowing individuals to submit a request for data destruction.

Paragraph (c) requires the data to be destroyed in a way that prevents its contents from being determined.

Subd. 6 requires the commissioner to arrange and complete an independent audit of the vaccine connector system to verify compliance with this section by April 1, 2022. The results of the audit shall be public and a report summarizing the audit must be submitted to the legislature no later than 30 days following the completion of the audit.

Subd. 7 establishes remedies for violations of this section.