

Subject Modifying the Safe at Home provisions

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Overview

Minnesota Statutes, chapter 5B establishes data protections for victims of violence. The chapter, known as the Safe at Home program, permits victims to obtain a designated address from the secretary of state which must be accepted as the address of the program participant. Section 13.045 permits program participants to notify other government entities of the person's participation in the Safe at Home program and requires most identity and location data to be classified as private data on individuals.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Definitions.
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Amends the definition of "location data" to mean data the participant specifies, not any data, that may be used to physically locate a program participant. Further amends the definition of "real property records" to include data on assessments, real or personal property taxation, and other data on real property.

2	Notification of certification.
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Provides that notification by a program participant to a government entity must be in writing, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Requires the program participant to submit his or her date of birth, requires the signature of a minor's parent or guardian, and removes the requirement that other program participants in the household be listed in the notice. States that a notice is a request to protect location data unless the program participant also requests that specific identity data be protected. Requires a program participant seeking to affect real property records to submit a real property notice in writing to any government entity that maintains property records. Requires the program participant to notify the government agency if the person's legal name changes.

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3	<p>Classification of identity and location data; amendment of records; sharing and dissemination.</p> <p>Makes a conforming change related to the need of a program participant to seek protection of specific data. Provides that, notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes governing official records and the preservation and disposal of public records, a government entity may replace a program participant's location data with the participant's designated address.</p>
4	<p>Real property records.</p> <p>Provides that a government entity must not disclose the program participant's identity data if the program participant submits the notice identified in paragraph (b) of section 2 of the bill. Establishes an exception to the prohibition for sharing data for the purpose of administering assessment and taxation laws. Eliminates references to a separate notice to the county recorder. Requires the secretary of state to provide notice to the government entity within 90 days of terminating a person's participation in the program.</p>



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