

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1178

Approved by the Governor March 13, 2006

Introduced by Jensen, 20; Price, 26

AN ACT relating to health care; to amend sections 81-657 and 81-660, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change reporting requirements for the brain injury registry; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 81-658, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 81-657, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-657 (1) If a person with brain or head injury is not admitted to a hospital within the state but is treated in this state in the office of a physician or psychologist licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law, the treating physician or psychologist shall report the brain or head injury to the department within thirty days after identification of the person sustaining such injury. Each treating physician or psychologist shall be required to report each brain or head injury only one time.

(2) Each hospital ~~within the state and each rehabilitation center located within a hospital in the State of Nebraska shall annually report to the department~~ a brain or head injury which results in ~~inpatient~~ admission or ~~outpatient~~ treatment, ~~to the department within thirty days after discharge of the person sustaining such injury.~~

(3) The report shall contain the following information about the person sustaining the injury:

- (a) Name;
- (b) Social security number;
- (c) Date of birth;
- (d) Gender;
- ~~(e) Race or ethnicity;~~
- ~~(f) (e) Residence;~~
- ~~(g) (f) Date of the injury;~~
- ~~(h) (g) Final diagnosis or classification of the injury according to the International Classification of Disease, Clinical Modification Coding System, as adopted by the department;~~
- ~~(i) (h) Cause of the injury and, if known practicable, whether the injury resulted from an accident involving the use of alcohol;~~
- ~~(j) (i) Place or site of occurrence of the injury;~~
- ~~(k) (j) Identification of the reporting source;~~
- ~~(l) (k) Dispensation upon discharge;~~
- ~~(m) (l) Payor source; and~~
- ~~(n) (m) Any additional information the department can demonstrate is reasonable in order to implement the purposes stated in section 81-653.~~

Sec. 2. Section 81-660, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-660 No physician, psychologist, hospital, or administrator, officer, or employee of a hospital or medical professional who is in compliance with sections 81-657, ~~81-658,~~ and 81-663 to 81-675 shall be civilly or criminally liable for divulging the information required pursuant to ~~sections section 81-657, and 81-658.~~

Sec. 3. Original sections 81-657 and 81-660, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 4. The following section is outright repealed: Section 81-658, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.