

2020 DNR Minor Data Protection Proposal Fact Sheet



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It is needed because

The DNR gathers information on minors through a variety of agency activities. This includes information collected from hunting and fishing licenses, safety training programs, and DNR sponsored events. The DNR currently uses safeguards for potentially sensitive data, however Minnesota Statute does not consider the names, addresses, and phone numbers of minors to be private data protected under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA). When a person or entity files a data privacy act request, the DNR is obligated to provide the information.

Major program elements

This bill adds language to define DNR minor data and who has access.

Policy changes include:

- Designating data collected on minors as private;
- Defines access procedures for this data.

Fiscal impacts

This proposal does not have a fiscal impact.

Statute Proposal

MN DNR Minor Data Protection

Sec 1. Amends M.S. 13.7931 to classify minor data collected by the DNR.

Sec 2. Adds 84.0873 to define DNR data collected on minors as private data and the rules for access.