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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3095**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to health; removing race from data on certificates of marriage reported to
- 1.3 the state registrar; requiring marriage license applications to be modified to conform
- 1.4 with this change; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.223.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.223, is amended to read:
- 1.7 **144.223 REPORT OF MARRIAGE.**
- 1.8 Data relating to certificates of marriage registered shall be reported to the state registrar
- 1.9 by the local registrar or designee of the county board in each of the 87 registration districts
- 1.10 pursuant to the rules of the commissioner. The information in clause (1) necessary to compile
- 1.11 the report shall be furnished by the applicant prior to the issuance of the marriage license.
- 1.12 The report shall contain the following:
- 1.13 (1) personal information on bride and groom:
- 1.14 (i) name;
- 1.15 (ii) residence;
- 1.16 (iii) date and place of birth;
- 1.17 ~~(iv) race;~~
- 1.18 ~~(v)~~ (iv) if previously married, how terminated; and
- 1.19 ~~(vi)~~ (v) signature of applicant, date signed, and Social Security number; and
- 1.20 (2) information concerning the marriage:

- 2.1 (i) date of marriage;
- 2.2 (ii) place of marriage; and
- 2.3 (iii) civil or religious ceremony.

2.4 **Sec. 2. DIRECTION TO MODIFY MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS.**

2.5 A local registrar or a designee of the county board shall delete from the county's marriage
2.6 license application any space or other manner in which the applicant is required to specify
2.7 the applicant's race.