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Minnesota Plans to End Genetic Privacy

For nearly 15 years the Minnesota Department of Health collected, stored, used and shared Baby DNA from newborn screening for research without any authority in state law or parent permission. The Department was sued. Parents won in November 2011, and consent requirements were made law.

Now the Democrats, who are in total control, plan to eliminate parent consent. Our organization and the ACLU testified against it. This bill ends genetic privacy rights in Minnesota. If your genetic code automatically becomes government property at birth, you have no genetic privacy. It’s unbelievable how quickly citizens can lose rights when one side rules the roost.

HF 2526 (Norton)
SF 2047 (Marty)