



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5051

LCO No. 5078

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXAMINATION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES
AND RECORDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 7-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) With the exception of the chief executive officer of the
4 municipality or [his] an authorized agent of the chief executive officer,
5 the local director of health or [his] an authorized agent of the local
6 director of health, attorneys at law, title examiners and members of
7 genealogical societies incorporated or authorized to do business or
8 conduct affairs in this state, and except as provided in subsection (b) of
9 this section, no person, except the person whose birth is recorded, if
10 over eighteen years of age, [his] the children or spouse of the person
11 whose birth is recorded or [his] such person's parent, guardian or
12 grandparent if such person is a minor, shall have any access to or be
13 permitted to examine the original or any copy of the birth certificate or
14 birth record [,] of any person, nor shall [he] any person disclose any
15 matters contained [therein] in such certificate or record or any
16 information concerning such birth, which original, copy or information

17 is in the custody of any registrar of vital statistics or of the Department
18 of Public Health, nor shall [he] any person be entitled to any copy of
19 any such certificate, record or information, except upon written order
20 of a court of record or upon written request of a state department or
21 the federal government when approved by the Department of Public
22 Health.

23 (b) Any person may have access to and examine the original or any
24 copy of a birth certificate or birth record solely for the purpose of
25 conducting family history research concerning the person whose birth
26 is recorded. No birth certificate or birth record may be copied pursuant
27 to this subsection.

PH *Joint Favorable*