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Committee Bill No. 5733

LCO No. 5263



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DEATH CERTIFICATES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 7-51a of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

4 (c) (1) For deaths occurring after December 31, 2001, the Social
5 Security number, occupation, business or industry, race, Hispanic
6 origin if applicable, and educational level of the deceased person, if
7 known, shall be recorded in the "administrative purposes" section of
8 the death certificate. All parties specified on the certificate, including
9 the informant, licensed funeral director, licensed embalmer,
10 conservator, surviving spouse, physician and town clerk, shall have
11 access to the Social Security numbers of the decedent as well as other
12 information contained in the "administrative purposes" section
13 specified on the original death certificate for the purpose of processing
14 the certificate.

15 (2) For any death occurring after July 1, 1997, only the surviving
16 spouse, next of kin or state and federal agencies authorized by federal

17 law may receive a certified copy of a death certificate with the
18 decedent's Social Security number or the complete "administrative
19 purposes" section included on the certificate. Any researcher
20 requesting a death certificate for a death occurring after July 1, 1997,
21 may obtain the information included in the "administrative purposes"
22 section of such certificate, except that the decedent's Social Security
23 number shall be redacted.

24 (3) For any death occurring less than one hundred years prior to the
25 date of a request for a copy of a death certificate pursuant to this
26 subsection, the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the
27 death occurred or the registrar of vital statistics of the town of
28 residence of the decedent, upon request of a person, other than a
29 person listed in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection and any other
30 person who demonstrates that information contained in the death
31 certificate is needed for the determination or protection of a personal
32 or property right, shall issue a certificate of death registration that shall
33 contain the name, gender and date of death of the decedent, and the
34 town in which the death occurred and such person shall not have
35 access to any other information contained in the death certificate.

36 (d) The registrar of vital statistics of any town or city in this state
37 that has access to an electronic vital records system, as authorized by
38 the department, may use such system to issue certified copies of birth,
39 death, fetal death or marriage certificates, or certificates of death
40 registration that are electronically filed in such system.

41 Sec. 2. Section 7-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

43 (a) The fee for a certification of birth registration, short form, shall
44 be fifteen dollars. The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of birth,
45 long form, shall be twenty dollars, except that the fee for such
46 certifications and copies when issued by the department shall be thirty
47 dollars.

48 (b) The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of marriage or death
49 shall be twenty dollars. The fee for a certificate of death registration
50 shall be fifteen dollars. Such fees shall not be required of the
51 department.

52 (c) The fee for one certified copy of a certificate of death for any
53 deceased person who was a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of
54 section 27-103, shall be waived when such copy is requested by a
55 spouse, child or parent of such deceased veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	7-51a(c) and (d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	7-74

Statement of Purpose:

To restrict access to certain information on death certificates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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