



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6157

LCO No. 5262



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATIONS OF BIRTH AND MARRIAGE
AND DEATH CERTIFICATES.**

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

4 (a) Any person eighteen years of age or older may purchase certified
5 copies of marriage and death records, and certified copies of records of
6 births or fetal deaths [which] that are at least one hundred years old, in
7 the custody of any registrar of vital statistics. The department may
8 issue uncertified copies of death certificates for deaths occurring less
9 than one hundred years [ago] prior to the date of such issuance, and
10 uncertified copies of birth, marriage, death and fetal death certificates
11 for births, marriages, deaths and fetal deaths that occurred at least one
12 hundred years ago, to researchers approved by the department
13 pursuant to section 19a-25, and to state and federal agencies approved
14 by the department. During all normal business hours, members of
15 genealogical societies incorporated or authorized by the Secretary of
16 the State to do business or conduct affairs in this state shall (1) have

17 full access to all vital records in the custody of any registrar of vital
 18 statistics, including certificates, ledgers, record books, card files,
 19 indexes and database printouts, except for those records containing
 20 Social Security numbers protected pursuant to 42 USC 405 (c)(2)(C),
 21 and confidential files on adoptions, gender change, gestational
 22 agreements and paternity, (2) be permitted to make notes from such
 23 records, (3) be permitted to purchase certified copies of such records,
 24 and (4) be permitted to incorporate statistics derived from such records
 25 in the publications of such genealogical societies. For all vital records
 26 containing Social Security numbers that are protected from disclosure
 27 pursuant to federal law, the Social Security numbers contained on such
 28 records shall be redacted from any certified copy of such records
 29 issued to a genealogist by a registrar of vital statistics.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	7-51a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to the statute concerning vital records.

[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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