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"AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH."

1 Strike lines 1 to 169, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof and renumber the remaining section
3 accordingly:

4 "Section 1. Section 7-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

6 (a) The department and registrars of vital statistics shall restrict
7 access to and issuance of a certified copy of birth and fetal death
8 records and certificates less than one hundred years old, to the
9 following eligible parties: (1) The person whose birth is recorded, if
10 such person is over eighteen years of age or is a minor emancipated
11 pursuant to sections 46b-150 to 46b-150e, inclusive; (2) such person's
12 children, grandchildren, spouse, parent, guardian or grandparent; (3)
13 the chief executive officer of the municipality where the birth or fetal
14 death occurred, or the chief executive officer's authorized agent; (4) the
15 local director of health for the town or city where the birth or fetal

16 death occurred or where the mother was a resident at the time of the
17 birth or fetal death, or the director's authorized agent; (5) attorneys-at-
18 law representing such person or such person's parent, guardian, child
19 or surviving spouse; (6) a conservator of the person appointed for such
20 person; (7) members of genealogical societies incorporated or
21 authorized by the Secretary of the State to do business or conduct
22 affairs in this state; (8) agents of a state or federal agency as approved
23 by the department; and (9) researchers approved by the department
24 pursuant to section 19a-25. Except as provided in section 19a-42a,
25 access to confidential files on paternity, adoption, gender change or
26 gestational agreements, or information contained within such files,
27 shall not be released to any party, including the eligible parties listed
28 in this subsection, except upon an order of a court of competent
29 jurisdiction.

30 (b) No person other than the eligible parties listed in subsection (a)
31 of this section shall be entitled to examine or receive a copy of any
32 birth or fetal death record or certificate, access the information
33 contained therein, or disclose any matter contained therein, except
34 upon written order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this
35 section shall be construed to permit disclosure to any person,
36 including the eligible parties listed in subsection (a) of this section, of
37 information contained in the "information for health and statistical use
38 only" section or the "administrative purposes only" section of a birth
39 certificate, unless specifically authorized by the department for
40 statistical or research purposes. The Social Security number of the
41 parent or parents listed on any birth certificate shall not be released to
42 any party, except to those persons or entities authorized by state or
43 federal law. Such confidential information, other than the excluded
44 information set forth in this subsection, shall not be subject to
45 subpoena or court order and shall not be admissible before any court
46 or other tribunal.

47 (c) The registrar of the town in which the birth or fetal death
48 occurred or of the town in which the mother resided at the time of the
49 birth or fetal death, or the department, may issue a certified copy of the

50 certificate of birth or fetal death of any person born in this state which
51 is kept in paper form in the custody of the registrar. Such certificate
52 shall be issued upon the written request of an eligible party listed in
53 subsection (a) of this section. Any registrar of vital statistics in this
54 state with access, as authorized by the department, to the electronic
55 vital records system of the department may issue a certified copy of
56 the electronically filed certificate of birth or fetal death of any person
57 born in this state upon the written request of an eligible party listed in
58 subsection (a) of this section.

59 (d) The department and each registrar of vital statistics shall issue
60 only certified copies of birth certificates or fetal death certificates for
61 births or fetal deaths occurring less than one hundred years prior to
62 the date of the request."