

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 0176
Version: As Introduced

DATE: January 22, 2009

Authors: Emmer

Subject: Ryan's Vital Record Rights Act

Analyst: Emily Cleveland, 651.296.5808

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

This bill would require the state registrar to issue a replacement death record if ordered by a court upon its finding that the record was incomplete, inaccurate, or false. There is a similar provision for the replacement of a birth record under current law (Minnesota Statutes, § 144.218, subd. 4).

Section

- 1 Citation.** Gives this act the title "Ryan's Vital Record Rights Act."
- 2 Incomplete, incorrect, and modified vital records.** Amends § 144.221, by adding subd. 4. Permits a court to order a replacement vital record if the court finds a death record to be incomplete, inaccurate, or false. States that the prior vital record is confidential and must not be disclosed, except by court order.
- 3 Death Records.** Amends § 390.23. Permits a court to find that the cause or manner of death information on a death record is incomplete, inaccurate, or false and to order a replacement vital record. Under current law, only the county coroner, medical examiner, or forensic pathologist who reviewed the death may amend the cause or manner of death information.