

Subject Access to certified birth or death records

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Overview

Certified birth and death records are issued by the state registrar at the Department of Health and by local issuance offices. Only individuals and entities authorized in statute may obtain a certified birth or death record. This bill modifies the list of individuals and entities that may obtain an individual's certified birth or death record.

Summary

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1	Certified birth or death record.
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Amends § 144.225, subd. 7. Makes the following changes related to who may obtain an individual's certified birth or death record:

- removes a requirement that an individual requesting a certified record has a tangible interest in the record and defining tangible interest, and instead just lists individuals who may obtain a certified record;
- removes from the list of individuals who may obtain a certified record, the party responsible for filing the record (persons responsible for filing vital records include hospitals or other facilities where births occur; a physician, family member, or other person present at a birth for births outside a facility; and persons in charge of disposition of dead human bodies. With this change, these individuals will no longer be able to obtain certified birth or death records unless eligible under another provision of this subdivision); and
- provides that for an attorney to obtain a certified record, the attorney must represent the subject of the record or another individual otherwise authorized in clause (1) to obtain a certified record. (under current law any attorney may obtain a certified record).



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