

State of Wisconsin



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2015 WISCONSIN ACT 157

AN ACT to amend 69.20 (3) (e) (intro.), 69.20 (3) (e) 2., 69.21 (1) (a) 1. and 69.21 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes; relating to: copies of certain vital records.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1f. 69.20 (3) (e) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.20 (3) (e) (intro.) Public use indexes of certificates of birth, death, ~~or marriage, divorce, domestic partnership and termination of domestic partnership,~~ or annulment, or marriage documents that are filed in the system of vital statistics at the state or local level are accessible only by inspection at the office of the state registrar or of a local registrar and may not be copied or reproduced except as follows:

SECTION 1h. 69.20 (3) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.20 (3) (e) 2. Indexes of ~~certificates~~ record of death ~~or marriage, divorce, domestic partnership and termination of domestic partnership,~~ or annulment may be copied or reproduced for the public after 24 months have elapsed from the year in which the event occurred.

SECTION 1n. 69.21 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.21 (1) (a) 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., the state registrar and any local registrar shall issue a certified copy of a vital record to any person if the person sub-

mits a request for a certified copy of a vital record of a specified registrant in writing to the registrar responsible for filing or registering the vital record and, if the vital record is enabled for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance, to the extent permitted under s. 69.21 (1) (b) 3., and if the request is accompanied by the fee required under s. 69.22. If a vital record is not enabled for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance, the registrar responsible for filing or registration of the vital record may issue a certified copy under this section.

SECTION 2. 69.21 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.21 (1) (b) 3. A local registrar may issue a copy of a birth ~~or death, divorce, or termination of domestic partnership~~ certificate, a marriage document, or a declaration of domestic partnership under par. (a) through the state registrar's computer database ~~if the event that is the subject of the birth or death occurred in the local registrar's registration district or if the registrant resided in the local registrar's registration district when the event occurred~~ electronic system for vital record issuance.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2017.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."