



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 633

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 633 relates to copies of certain vital records.

ASSEMBLY BILL 633

Assembly Bill 633 requires the state registrar and any local registrar to issue certified copies of certain vital records regarding birth, marriage, divorce, domestic partnership, termination of domestic partnership, or death, if the vital record is available for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance and an individual requests a certified copy. Currently, a person requesting certain vital records must make the request to the registrar who is responsible for filing or registering the vital record.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes changes to the types of vital records certificates that cannot be copied or reproduced, except under specified circumstances. Under current law, public indexes of certificates of birth, death, or divorce or annulment, or marriage documents filed in the system of vital statistics at the state or local level are only accessible for inspection at the office of the state registrar or a local registrar and cannot be copied or reproduced, except as provided. However, current law permits indexes of certificates of death, divorce, or annulment to be copied or reproduced for the public 24 months after the year in which the event occurred.

Assembly Amendment 1 adds marriage, domestic partnership, and termination of domestic partnership certificates to the list of public use indexes of certificates that are only accessible for inspection at the offices of the state registrar or a local registrar and that cannot be copied or reproduced, except under specified circumstances.

Assembly Amendment 1 also adds marriage, domestic partnership, and termination of domestic partnership records to the list of indexes of record that can be copied or reproduced for the public 24 months after the year in which the event occurred. The amendment changes

the language from “indexes of **certificates**” of events that can be copied or reproduced 24 months after the year of the event to “indexes of **record**” of those events.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Ballweg on February 8, 2016. The Assembly adopted the amendment on February 9, 2016, and passed Assembly Bill 633 on the same date.

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