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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 709

January 13, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives Ladwig, Huber, Albers, Baldwin, Brandemuehl, Dobyns, Foti, Freese, Grothman, Hasenohrl, La Fave, F. Lasee, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Musser, Nass, Owens, Powers and Turner, cosponsored by Senators Moen, Huelsman, Panzer, Risser, Roessler, Schultz, Weeden and Wineke, by request of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society and the Wisconsin Genealogical Council. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

AN ACT to amend 69.21 (2) (c) and 69.22 (1) (b); and to create 69.21 (2) (d) of the statutes; relating to: issuance of uncertified copies of vital records for events occurring before October 1, 1907.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain limitations, the state registrar and any local registrar must issue certified and uncertified copies of vital records to persons who submit written requests and appropriate fees. (A certified copy of a vital record is deemed to be the same as the original and is prima facie evidence of any fact stated in the vital record.) Uncertified copies of vital records for events occurring after September 30, 1907, are subject to requirements concerning disclosure of information. An uncertified copy of a vital record must have on its face a notice that it is uncertified. The fee for a vital record other than a birth certificate is \$7; the fee for a birth certificate is \$12.

This bill permits holders other than the state registrar or local registrars (for example, the state historical society of Wisconsin) to issue uncertified photocopies of vital records for events that occurred before October 1, 1907. These uncertified copies are not limited as to disclosure of information and are not required to bear a notice that they are uncertified. The holder of the vital record may set a fee for issuing the vital record photocopy.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

2 69.21 (2) (c) Any uncertified copy issued under this subsection par. (a) or (b) shall have on its face a notice that it is uncertified.

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

Section 2. 69.21 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

69.21 (2) (d) Uncertified photocopies of vital records for events occurring before October 1, 1907, other than those held by the state registrar and any local registrar, are not subject to the limitations of this section or the requirements of s. 69.22. The holder of the vital records from which uncertified photocopies may be made and issued under this paragraph may establish fees for the photocopies.

SECTION 3. 69.22 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.22 **(1)** (b) Except as provided under par. (c), \$7 for any uncertified copy of a vital record issued under s. 69.21 (2) (a) or (b) or for verifying information submitted by a requester without issuance of a copy.

14 (END)