



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 48
[2017 Senate Bill 79]

**Copying of Birth Certificates for
Passport Applications**

Generally, Wisconsin Statutes prohibit the copying of vital records, including copying of birth certificates. For county clerks or clerks of court who process passport applications, 2017 Wisconsin Act 48 creates an exception to this prohibition to allow a county clerk or clerk of court to copy a birth certificate for submission with a passport application. A copy made under this exception must be marked "FOR PASSPORT USE ONLY."

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.