

1 death certificates shall be considered publicly available records
2 seventy-five (75) years after the death and birth certificates shall
3 be considered publicly available records one hundred twenty-five
4 (125) years after the birth. Certified copies of birth certificates
5 and death certificates shall be provided without cost and without a
6 court order to the Attorney General or to any district attorney upon
7 request in the course of a criminal investigation.

8 B. The State Commissioner of Health may authorize the
9 disclosure of data contained in vital statistics records for public
10 health surveillance or research purposes.

11 C. The State Department of Health shall transmit to the
12 Department of Public Safety:

13 1. At the end of each quarter year, a list of all registered
14 deaths which have occurred during such period of time. Upon receipt
15 of such list the Department of Public Safety shall use such list
16 solely to update Department of Public Safety records and to cancel
17 the driver license for those deceased individuals with a valid
18 Oklahoma driver license at the time of death;

19 2. At the end of each month, a report of all registered deaths
20 that resulted from a motor vehicle collision which have occurred
21 during such period of time. The report shall be used by the
22 Department solely for the purpose of statistical analysis and
23 reporting; and
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1 3. Upon written request from the Department, a death
2 certificate. The certificate shall be used solely by the Fatality
3 Analysis Reporting System (FARS) Analyst of the Oklahoma Highway
4 Safety Office to populate the federal FARS database.

5 D. Each month, the Commissioner shall authorize the
6 transmission to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority of a certified
7 list of all registered deaths of residents of this state that have
8 occurred within the state for the immediately preceding month. The
9 Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall use the transmitted list to
10 ascertain the names of those individuals participating in the state
11 Medicaid program who are deceased, and shall thereafter terminate
12 such deceased person's enrollment in the state Medicaid program.

13 E. For the purpose of assisting in the location and recovery of
14 missing children, information pertaining to birth certificates and
15 requests for copies of birth certificates shall be provided to the
16 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation pursuant to the provisions of
17 Section 1-323.1 of this title and Section 150.12A of Title 74 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes.

19 F. The Commissioner shall authorize the transmission of death
20 certificates to the Department of Labor for the purpose of the
21 Department of Labor conducting a census of total occupational
22 injuries and illnesses. The Department shall transmit to the
23 Department of Labor statistics of fatal occupational injuries that
24 shall include the following:

- 1 1. Name of the deceased;
- 2 2. Date of death;
- 3 3. Sex;
- 4 4. Race;
- 5 5. Age;
- 6 6. Birth date;
- 7 7. Social security number;
- 8 8. Whether an autopsy was conducted;
- 9 9. Month of the accident; and
- 10 10. Whether decedent was of Hispanic origin.

11 H. The Department of Labor shall be required to protect the
12 integrity of the vital statistics records to the same extent
13 required of the Department pursuant to this section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 04/10/2014 - DO
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