

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3743

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An Act relating to vital records; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-324, which relates to certified copies of records; directing the State Commissioner of Health to contract with the Oklahoma Tax Commission; providing for issuance of certified death certificates at local tag agencies; authorizing convenience fee; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-324, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-324. Unless otherwise provided in this article:

~~(a)~~ A. The State Commissioner of Health shall, upon request, issue a certified copy of any certificate or record in his custody or of a part thereof. Each copy issued from records marked "delayed," "amended," or "court order" shall be similarly marked and show the effective date.

1     ~~(b)~~ B. The State Commissioner of Health shall contract with the  
2     Oklahoma Tax Commission to make certified copies of death  
3     certificates available for issuance at local tag agencies. The tag  
4     agency shall charge and collect a convenience fee of not more than  
5     Eight Dollars (\$8.00) in addition to the prescribed fees for death  
6     certificates for the issuance of a certified copy of a death  
7     certificate issued pursuant to this section.

8     A copy of a certificate or any part thereof issued in accordance  
9     with ~~subsection (a)~~ subsections A and B of this section, certified  
10    to by the State Commissioner of Health or by a person designated by  
11    him or her for such purpose, shall be considered for all purposes  
12    the same as the original, and shall be prima facie evidence of the  
13    facts therein stated, provided that the evidentiary value of a  
14    certificate or record filed more than one (1) year after the event  
15    or a record which has been amended shall be determined by the  
16    judicial or administrative body or official before whom the  
17    certificate is offered as evidence. Such certification by the  
18    Commissioner or his or her designee, and seal accompanying the same,  
19    may be accomplished by facsimile process.

20    ~~(c)~~ C. The National Vital Statistics Division may be furnished  
21    such copies or data as it may require for national statistics;  
22    provided, that the State Department of Health shall be reimbursed  
23    for the cost of furnishing such data; and provided, further, that  
24    such data shall not be used for other than statistical purposes by

1 the National Vital Statistics Division unless so authorized by the  
2 State Commissioner of Health.

3 ~~(d)~~ D. Federal, state, local, and other public or private  
4 agencies may, upon request, be furnished copies or data for  
5 statistical purposes, upon such terms or conditions as may be  
6 prescribed by the Commissioner.

7 ~~(e)~~ E. No person shall prepare or issue any certificate which  
8 purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate  
9 of birth, death, or fetal death, except as authorized in this  
10 article, or regulations adopted hereunder.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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