

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3743

By: Sims of the House

3 and

4 Paxton of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to vital records; amending 63 O.S.
8 2011, Section 1-324, which relates to certified
9 copies of records; directing the State Commissioner
10 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.

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

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

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

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

22 ~~(b)~~ B. The State Commissioner of Health shall contract with the
23 Oklahoma Tax Commission to make certified copies of death
24 certificates available for issuance at local tag agencies. The tag

1 agency shall charge and collect a convenience fee of not more than
2 Eight Dollars (\$8.00) in addition to the prescribed fees for death
3 certificates for the issuance of a certified copy of a death
4 certificate issued pursuant to this section.

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

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

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