

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3743

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AS INTRODUCED

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; 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) 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.

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

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

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

20 (d) Federal, state, local, and other public or private agencies
21 may, upon request, be furnished copies or data for statistical
22 purposes, upon such terms or conditions as may be prescribed by the
23 Commissioner.

1 (e) No person shall prepare or issue any certificate which
2 purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate
3 of birth, death, or fetal death, except as authorized in this
4 article, or regulations adopted hereunder.

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

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