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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Introduced By: Representatives Felix, Batista, Craven, Morales, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson, Speakman, Henries, McGaw, and Hull

Date Introduced: February 07, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Dept. of Corrections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-3 of the General Laws entitled "Vital Records" is hereby amended
- 2 by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>23-3-25.2. Incarcerated persons' exemption for fees for copies and searches.</u>
- 4 Any incarcerated person who is set to be released from prison to re-enter the community
- 5 shall be processed without a charge or fee when making a first request for vital statistics at the
- 6 <u>department of health regarding a request for their own personal records.</u>
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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# EXPLANATION

# BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would provide an exemption for certain incarcerated persons from the payment of
fees for a first request for vital statistics from the department of health.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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