

SENATE BILL 288

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 3, relative to vital records and the
amendment thereof.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-203, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) In addition to other methods of amending certificates that may be provided by statute or by duly authorized department rule, in the case of a certificate of death, the state registrar, if presented by an applicant with a certified letter from a medical examiner stating that the cause of death on the original certificate was factually inaccurate or incorrect, shall reissue the death certificate with the correct cause of death stated thereon.

(2) The new certificate of death shall be inconspicuously marked "reissued" and the date of reissuance, the original certificate of death, the certified letter of the medical examiner, and any documentation in support of the letter, shall be made part of the record. In order to ensure acceptance of the reissued certificate as proof of the death of the deceased, the reissued certificate shall be, in appearance, the same as the original certificate except for the word "reissued" appearing thereon.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.