

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bridger Bolinder

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the collection of information related to firefighter service on a certificate of death.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the collection of information related to firefighter service on a certificate of death; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26B-8-103, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 306

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26B-8-103** is amended to read:

26B-8-103. Content and form of certificates and reports.

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Additional information" means information that is beyond the information
29 necessary to comply with federal standards or state law for registering a birth.

30 (b) "Diacritical mark" means a mark on a letter from the ISO basic Latin alphabet used
31 to indicate a special pronunciation.

32 (c) "Diacritical mark" includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, and cedillas.

33 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (8), to promote and maintain nationwide
34 uniformity in the vital records system, the forms of certificates, certification, reports, and other
35 documents and records required by this part or the rules implementing this part shall include as
36 a minimum the items recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital
37 statistics, subject to approval, additions, and modifications by the department.

38 (3) Certificates, certifications, forms, reports, other documents and records, and the
39 form of communications between persons required by this part shall be prepared in the format
40 prescribed by department rule.

41 (4) All vital records shall include the date of filing.

42 (5) Certificates, certifications, forms, reports, other documents and records, and
43 communications between persons required by this part may be signed, filed, verified,
44 registered, and stored by photographic, electronic, or other means as prescribed by department
45 rule.

46 (6) (a) An individual may use a diacritical mark in an application for a vital record.

47 (b) The office shall record a diacritical mark on a vital record as indicated on the
48 application for the vital record.

49 (7) The absence of a diacritical mark on a vital record does not render the document
50 invalid or affect any constructive notice imparted by proper recordation of the document.

51 (8) (a) The state:

52 (i) may collect the Social Security number of a deceased individual; and

53 (ii) may not include the Social Security number of an individual on a certificate of
54 death.

55 (b) For registering a birth, the department may not require an individual to provide
56 additional information.

57 (c) Among any additional information about military service the state collects during
58 the completion of a certificate of death, the state shall also collect information regarding

59 whether the deceased was a firefighter.

60 [~~(e)~~] (d) The department may request additional information if the department provides
61 a written statement that:

- 62 (i) discloses that providing the additional information is voluntary;
- 63 (ii) discloses how the additional information will be used and the duration of use;
- 64 (iii) describes how the department prevents the additional information from being used
65 in a manner different from the disclosure given under Subsection [~~(8)(e)(ii)~~] (8)(d)(ii); and
- 66 (iv) includes a notice that the individual is consenting to the department's use of the
67 additional information by providing the additional information.

68 [~~(d)~~] (e) (i) Beginning July 1, 2022, an individual may submit a written request to the
69 department to de-identify the individual's additional information contained in the department's
70 databases.

71 (ii) Upon receiving the written request, the department shall de-identify the additional
72 information.

73 [~~(e)~~] (f) The department shall de-identify additional information contained in the
74 department's databases before the additional information is held by the department for longer
75 than six years.

76 Section 2. **Effective date.**

77 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.