

Certificate of Death Amendments
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
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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 last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 295

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:

- (a) "Additional information" means information that is beyond the information necessary to comply with federal standards or state law for registering a birth.
- (b) "Diacritical mark" means a mark on a letter from the ISO basic Latin alphabet used to indicate a special pronunciation.
- (c) "Diacritical mark" includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, and cedillas.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (8), to promote and maintain nationwide uniformity in the vital records system, the forms of certificates, certification, reports, and other documents and records required by this part or the rules implementing this part shall

- 32 include as a minimum the items recommended by the federal agency responsible for
33 national vital statistics, subject to approval, additions, and modifications by the
34 department.
- 35 (3) Certificates, certifications, forms, reports, other documents and records, and the form of
36 communications between persons required by this part shall be prepared in the format
37 prescribed by department rule.
- 38 (4) All vital records shall include the date of filing.
- 39 (5) Certificates, certifications, forms, reports, other documents and records, and
40 communications between persons required by this part may be signed, filed, verified,
41 registered, and stored by photographic, electronic, or other means as prescribed by
42 department rule.
- 43 (6)(a) An individual may use a diacritical mark in an application for a vital record.
- 44 (b) The office shall record a diacritical mark on a vital record as indicated on the
45 application for the vital record.
- 46 (7) The absence of a diacritical mark on a vital record does not render the document invalid
47 or affect any constructive notice imparted by proper recordation of the document.
- 48 (8)(a) The state:
- 49 (i) may collect the Social Security number of a deceased individual; and
50 (ii) may not include the Social Security number of an individual on a certificate of
51 death.
- 52 (b) For registering a birth, the department may not require an individual to provide
53 additional information.
- 54 (c) Among any additional information about military service the state collects during the
55 completion of a certificate of death, the state shall also collect information regarding
56 whether the deceased was a firefighter.
- 57 [(e)] (d) The department may request additional information if the department provides a
58 written statement that:
- 59 (i) discloses that providing the additional information is voluntary;
60 (ii) discloses how the additional information will be used and the duration of use;
61 (iii) describes how the department prevents the additional information from being
62 used in a manner different from the disclosure given under Subsection [(8)(e)(ii)]
63 (8)(d)(ii); and
- 64 (iv) includes a notice that the individual is consenting to the department's use of the
65 additional information by providing the additional information.

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

69 (ii) Upon receiving the written request, the department shall:

70 (A) de-identify the additional information; and

71 (B) for additional information that is inherently identifying, delete the inherently
72 identifying additional information.

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

76 Section 2. **Effective date.**

77 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.