

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

2 Date:

3 Subject: Health; vital records generally

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize state
5 agencies to request certified copies of birth and death certificates from the
6 State Registrar, remove the requirement that the Department of Health approve
7 the construction of mausoleums and columbaria, and transfer the authority over
8 ambulance licensure from the Board of Health to the Department of Health.

9 An act relating to vital records, mausoleums and columbaria, and the
10 licensure of ambulances

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 * * * Vital Records * * *

13 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5016 is amended to read:

14 § 5016. BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES; COPIES; INSPECTION

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16 (b) Certified copies.

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18 (2) Only the following persons shall be eligible for a certified copy of a
19 birth or death certificate:

1 (A) the registrant or his or her spouse, child, grandchild, parent,
2 sibling, grandparent, or guardian; a person petitioning to open a decedent's
3 estate; a court-appointed executor or administrator; or the legal representative
4 of any of these;

5 (B) a specific person pursuant to a court order finding that a
6 noncertified copy is not sufficient for the applicant's legal purpose and that a
7 certified copy of the birth or death certificate is needed for the determination or
8 protection of a person's right; ~~or~~

9 (C) a State agency that has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the
10 State Registrar that the agency has a bona fide need for the certified copy; or

11 (D) in the case of a death certificate only, additionally to:

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13 * * * Mausoleums and Columbaria * * *

14 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. chapter 121, subchapter 6 is amended to read:

15 Subchapter 6. Community Mausoleums and ~~Columbariums~~ Columbaria

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17 § 5573. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

18 (a) A community mausoleum or columbarium, the crypts or niches of
19 which are available to the public, shall be constructed and erected only with
20 the consent and approval of the ~~State Board of Health~~ legislative body of the
21 municipality and local board of health.

1 **(b)** Before commencing the building, construction, or erection of any such
2 structure, full detailed plans and specifications shall be presented to the State
3 Board of Health. The approval of ~~such~~ plans and specifications shall be
4 evidenced by a certificate in writing, signed by the ~~State Board of Health~~
5 legislative body of the municipality and the local board of health.

6 **(c)** A community mausoleum, columbarium, or any structure intended to
7 hold or contain permanently the bodies of the dead, and to which the public
8 shall have access, shall not be constructed or erected without the approvals
9 required by this section. A building not used for the permanent disposition of
10 the human dead shall not be altered or changed ~~for such use or used for such~~
11 ~~purposes~~ to be used for the permanent disposition of the human dead, and an
12 addition shall not be made to any existing community mausoleum or
13 columbarium, unless constructed of ~~such~~ material and workmanship as will
14 ensure its durability and permanence as well as the safety, convenience,
15 comfort, and health of the community in which it is located, as dictated and
16 determined at the time by modern mausoleum construction and engineering
17 science.

18 **(d)** Construction shall be managed and supervised by a person with
19 experience in modern mausoleum construction and engineering.

20 § 5574. ~~INSPECTION~~

1 corporation owning ~~such~~ the mausoleum, vault, or crypt. When ~~such~~ the
2 person, firm, or corporation cannot be found in the county where ~~such~~ the
3 mausoleum, vault, or crypt is located, then ~~such~~ the removal and interment
4 shall be at the expense of the cemetery, ~~or~~ cemetery association, city, or town
5 where ~~such~~ the mausoleum, vault, or crypt is situated.

6 * * * Ambulance Licensure * * *

7 Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. chapter 71 is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 71. AMBULANCE SERVICES

9 Subchapter 1. Emergency Medical Services Districts

10 § 2651. DEFINITIONS

11 As used in this chapter:

12 * * *

13 (14) ~~“State Board” means the State Board of Health~~ “Department” means
14 the Department of Health.

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16 § 2652. CREATION OF DISTRICTS

17 The ~~State Board of Health~~ Department may divide the State into emergency
18 medical services districts, the number, size, and boundaries of which shall be
19 determined by the ~~Board~~ Department in the interest of affording adequate and
20 efficient emergency medical services throughout the State.

21 * * *

1 § 2654. RECORDING DETERMINATION OF DISTRICTS

2 The ~~State Board~~ Department shall cause to be recorded in the office of the
3 Secretary of State a certificate containing its determination of emergency
4 medical services districts.

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6 § 2657. PURPOSES AND POWERS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
7 SERVICES DISTRICTS

8 (a) It shall be the function of each emergency medical services district to
9 foster and coordinate emergency medical services within the district, in the
10 interest of affording adequate ambulance services within the district. Each
11 emergency medical services district shall have powers which include the
12 power to:

13 * * *

14 (6) monitor the provision of emergency medical services within the
15 district and make recommendations to the ~~State Board~~ Department regarding
16 licensure, relicensure, and removal or suspension of licensure for ambulance
17 vehicles, ambulance services, and first responder services;

18 * * *

19 (b) Two or more contiguous emergency medical services districts by a
20 majority vote of the district board in each of the districts concerned may
21 change the mutual boundaries of their emergency medical services districts.

1 The district boards shall report all changes in district boundaries to the ~~State~~
2 ~~Board~~ Department.

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4 Subchapter 2. Licensing Operation of Ambulance Service

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6 § 2682. ~~POWERS OF STATE BOARD~~ DEPARTMENT

7 (a) The ~~State Board~~ Department shall administer this subchapter and shall
8 have power to:

9 * * *

10 § 2683. TERM OF LICENSE

11 Full licenses shall be issued on forms to be prescribed by the ~~State Board~~
12 Department for a period of one year beginning on January 1, or for the balance
13 of ~~any such~~ the year. Temporary, conditional, or provisional licenses may also
14 be issued by the ~~Board~~ Department.

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16 * * * Town Clerk Recording Fees * * *

17 Sec. 4. 32 V.S.A. § 5258 is amended to read:

18 § 5258. FEES AND COSTS ALLOWED AFTER WARRANT AND LEVY
19 RECORDED

20 (a) The fees and costs allowed after the warrant and levy for delinquent
21 taxes have been recorded shall be as follows:

1 * * *

2 (2) recording levy and extending of warrant in the town clerk's office,
3 ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00, to be paid to the town clerk;

4 * * *

5 (8) making return and recording the return in the town clerk's office,
6 ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00 per page, to be paid to the town clerk;

7 (9) collector's deed, ~~\$30.00~~ \$15.00 per page.

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9 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.