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2 Introduced by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Austin of Colchester,
3 Bishop of Colchester, Boutin of Barre City, Carris-Duncan of
4 Whitingham, Charlton of Chester, Coffin of Cavendish, Cooper
5 of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Donahue of Northfield,
6 Eastes of Guilford, Galfetti of Barre Town, Harrison of
7 Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Holcombe of Norwich,
8 Hooper of Burlington, Howland of Rutland Town, Lipsky of
9 Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Malay of Pittsford, McGill of
10 Bridport, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Nelson
11 of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh,
12 Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of
13 Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia
14 of Corinth, and Winter of Ludlow

15 Referred to Committee on

16 Date:

17 Subject: Health; vital records; birth and death certificates; certified copies;

18 family access to birth and death certificates

19 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the list

20 of persons who may request a certified copy of a birth or death certificate to

21 include aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

1 An act relating to expanding family access to certified copies of birth and
2 death certificates

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

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

5 § 5016. BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES; COPIES; INSPECTION

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7 (b) Certified copies.

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

11 (A) the registrant or ~~his or her~~ the registrant's spouse, child,
12 grandchild, parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, or
13 guardian; a person petitioning to open a decedent's estate; a court-appointed
14 executor or administrator; or the legal representative of any of these;

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16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.