
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 338-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§338-4 Deaths reported to county clerks[-] and real
4 property assessment divisions. [~~The department of health shall~~
5 ~~within six weeks after the end of each month deliver, or forward~~
6 ~~by mail, to the county clerk of each county a list of the names~~
7 ~~of all citizens of voting age or over whose deaths have been~~
8 ~~recorded in the department during each month. The list shall~~
9 ~~set forth such portion of the information contained in the death~~
10 ~~record of each citizen whose death is so reported as will be of~~
11 ~~assistance to the county clerk in identification.] (a) The
12 county clerk of each county, at agreed upon intervals, shall
13 send to the department of health an electronic list of the names
14 of all persons who are registered to vote in the State. The
15 names on the list shall include, if available:~~

16 (1) The person's full name;

17 (2) The person's date of birth;



1 (3) The last four digits of the person's social security
2 number; and

3 (4) The last known address of the person.

4 The department of health shall provide electronic verification
5 of death, including the date of death, to the clerk of the
6 applicable county, with respect to any name on the list that
7 matches the death records kept by the department of health.

8 (b) The real property assessment division of each county,
9 shall send to the department of health, at agreed upon
10 intervals, an electronic list of the names of all persons who
11 are real property owners with homeowners' tax exemptions in the
12 State. The names on the list shall include, if available:

13 (1) The person's full name;

14 (2) The person's date of birth;

15 (3) The last four digits of the person's social security
16 number; and

17 (4) The last known address of the person.

18 The department of health shall provide electronic
19 verification of death, including the date of death, to the real
20 property assessment divisions of the applicable county, with
21 respect to any name on the list that matches the death records
22 kept by the department of health.



1 (c) Fees for verification shall be subject to section 338-
2 14.3."

3 SECTION 2. Section 338-14.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[~~f~~]§338-14.3[~~f~~] **Verification in lieu of a certified copy.**

6 (a) Subject to the requirements of [~~section~~] sections 338-4 and
7 338-18, the department of health, upon request, shall furnish to
8 any applicant, in lieu of the issuance of a certified copy, a
9 verification of the existence of a certificate and any other
10 information that the applicant provides to be verified relating
11 to the vital event that pertains to the certificate.

12 (b) A verification shall be considered for all purposes
13 certification that the vital event did occur and that the facts
14 of the event are as stated by the applicant.

15 (c) Verification may be made in written, electronic, or
16 other form approved by the director of health.

17 (d) The fee for a verification in lieu of a certified copy
18 shall be a maximum of one half of the fee established in section
19 338-14.5 for the first certified copy of a certificate issued.

20 (e) Fees received for verifications in lieu of certified
21 copies shall be remitted[~~, and one half of the fee~~] and shall be
22 deposited to the credit of the vital statistics improvement



1 special fund in section 338-14.6 [~~and the remainder of the fee~~
2 ~~shall be deposited to the credit of the state general fund~~]."

3 SECTION 3. Section 338-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§338-14.5 Copies of certificate; fees.** The fees for
6 certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death
7 certificates issued by the department of health shall consist of
8 \$10 for the first copy issued and \$4 for each copy issued
9 thereafter. These fees shall be collected for each single
10 request for certified copies. All fees received for the
11 issuance of certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or
12 death certificates shall be remitted to the director of health.
13 Upon the receipt of remittances under this section, the director
14 of health shall deposit:

- 15 (1) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the spouse
16 and child abuse special account established under
17 section 346-7.5;
- 18 (2) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the spouse
19 and child abuse special account established under
20 section 601-3.6;



- 1 (3) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the
2 domestic violence and sexual assault special fund
3 established under section 321-1.3;
- 4 (4) [~~\$1~~] \$__ for [~~each~~] the first certified copy and \$1
5 for each certified copy ordered at the same time to
6 the credit of the vital statistics improvement special
7 fund established under section 338-14.6; and
- 8 (5) The remainder of the fee for each certified copy to
9 the credit of the state general fund."

10 SECTION 4. Section 338-14.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

12 "(b) Moneys in the fund shall be used by the department of
13 health for the modernization and automation of the vital
14 statistics system in this State. [~~These proceeds shall not be~~
15 ~~used to supplant any other moneys previously allocated to this~~
16 ~~program necessary for the daily operation of the system of vital~~
17 ~~statistics.]~~

18 (c) The fund shall consist of fees remitted pursuant to
19 [~~section~~] sections 338-4 and 338-14.5. All realizations of the
20 fund shall be subject to the conditions specified in subsection
21 (b)."



1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2099.



Report Title:

Vital Statistics; Reporting

Description:

Requires the clerk and real property assessment division of each county, at agreed upon intervals, to provide a list of names of all registered voters and individuals receiving real property tax exemptions to the department of health. Upon receipt, requires department to verify the date of death for any person on the list. Authorizes the department of health to charge fees for verifications. Effective 7/1/2009.

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