
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FURNISHING THE DATE OF VITAL EVENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITHIN THE STATE OF HAWAII THAT REQUEST VERIFICATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some governmental
2 agencies within the State of Hawaii require information
3 contained in vital statistics records for purposes of updating
4 official lists of persons in the ordinary course of the agency's
5 activities. While section 338-18(g), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 allows governmental agencies or organizations to obtain
7 verification of information contained in vital statistics
8 records, neither section 338-18(g) nor any other section in
9 chapter 338 allows governmental agencies within the State of
10 Hawaii to obtain additional information beyond verification of
11 the information they already possess. The legislature finds
12 that it is often necessary for governmental agencies within the
13 State of Hawaii to acquire the date of the vital event for which
14 they are seeking verification, but without a direct and tangible
15 interest in the record as required by section 338-18(b),
16 additional information is not available to those governmental
17 agencies and they are unable to update their lists. The



1 legislature finds that allowing the department of health to
2 disclose dates of vital events to governmental agencies within
3 the State of Hawaii would assist state and county agencies to
4 maximize the accuracy of their official lists and thus avoid
5 overpayments of benefits and waste of public funds.

6 SECTION 2. Section 338-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

8 "(g) The department shall not issue a verification in lieu
9 of a certified copy of any such record, or any part thereof,
10 unless it is satisfied that the applicant requesting a
11 verification is:

12 (1) A person who has a direct and tangible interest in the
13 record but requests a verification in lieu of a
14 certified copy;

15 (2) A governmental agency [~~or organization who~~] that for a
16 legitimate government purpose maintains and needs to
17 update official lists of persons in the ordinary
18 course of the agency's [~~or organization's~~]
19 activities[+]. Notwithstanding other provisions of
20 this section, upon request from a governmental agency
21 of the State of Hawaii or its political subdivisions,
22 the department may further disclose to that



- 1 governmental agency the date of the vital event that
2 has been verified;
- 3 (3) A governmental, private, social, or educational agency
4 or organization [~~who~~] that seeks confirmation of a
5 certified copy of any such record submitted in support
6 of or information provided about a vital event
7 relating to any such record and contained in an
8 official application made in the ordinary course of
9 the agency's or organization's activities by an
10 individual seeking employment with, entrance to, or
11 the services or products of the agency or
12 organization;
- 13 (4) A private or government attorney who seeks to confirm
14 information about a vital event relating to any such
15 record which was acquired during the course of or for
16 purposes of legal proceedings; or
- 17 (5) An individual employed, endorsed, or sponsored by a
18 governmental, private, social, or educational agency
19 or organization who seeks to confirm information about
20 a vital event relating to any such record in
21 preparation of reports or publications by the agency
22 or organization for research or educational purposes."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



Report Title:

Vital Records; Verification for Governmental Agencies Within the State of Hawaii.

Description:

Amends section 338-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the Department of Health to disclose dates of vital events to governmental agencies within the State of Hawaii seeking verification of information contained in vital statistics records for purposes of updating official lists. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB2447 HD1)

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