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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill allows parents of deceased children to obtain one clean copy of their child's birth certificate in certain circumstances.

Section

1 Copy of birth record in event of a child's death. Adds § 144.2251.

Subd. 1. Definition. Defines "clean copy" as a certified copy of a deceased child's birth record without the word "DECEASED," the date of death or other similar reference appearing on the document.

Subd. 2. Duties of the state registrar. Requires the state registrar to provide one clean copy of a birth record, if requested, provided: (1) no other copy has been issued, (2) the request is made by the father or mother listed on the birth record, (3) the request is made no later than six years from the date of the child's birth; and (4) the child was born on or after January 1, 2002. Requires the state registrar to develop and implement a form and process to meet the requirements of the section, and requires that the process require that only the state registrar may issue a clean copy.

Subd. 3. Information to parents. Requires the state and local registrars to: (1) inform parents requesting a certified copy of their deceased child's birth record that they may be eligible to receive a clean copy; and (2) provide parents who would like to receive a clean copy with information on how to obtain one and any other additional information or forms required.

Section

Effective date. States that this section is effective July 1, 2006.