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2015 SENATE BILL 507

January 6, 2016 – Introduced by Senators Wanggaard, Kapenga, Bewley, Stroebel, Olsen, Gudex, Harsdorf, Lasee, Marklein, Ringhand and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Ballweg, Tranel, Born, E. Brooks, Edming, Gannon, Goyke, Hintz, Horlacher, Jagler, Kerkman, Knodl, Kolste, Kremer, T. Larson, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, A. Ott, Rohrkaste, Schraa, Spiros, Steffen, Subeck, C. Taylor, VanderMeer, Weatherston, Quinn and Ohnstad. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 69.21 (1) (a) 1. and 69.21 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:**
- 2 copies of certain vital records.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the state registrar and any local registrar to issue certified copies of certain vital records relating to birth, marriage, divorce, domestic partnership, termination of domestic partnership, or death if a person makes the request in writing and, to the extent permitted, if the requested vital record is available for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance, and if the person pays the appropriate fee. If the vital record is not enabled for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance, the registrar responsible for filing or registration of the vital record may issue a certified copy under this section. Under current law, a person requesting certain vital records must pay the appropriate fee and make the request in writing to the registrar responsible for filing or registering the vital record.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 69.21 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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69.21 (1) (a) 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., the state registrar and any local registrar shall issue a certified copy of a vital record to any person if the person submits a request for a certified copy of a vital record of a specified registrant in writing to the registrar responsible for filing or registering the vital record and, if the vital record is enabled for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance, to the extent permitted under s. 69.21 (1) (b) 3., and if the request is accompanied by the fee required under s. 69.22. If a vital record is not enabled for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital record issuance, the registrar responsible for filing or registration of the vital record may issue a certified copy under this section.

Section 2. 69.21 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.21 (1) (b) 3. A local registrar may issue a copy of a birth or, death, divorce, or termination of domestic partnership certificate, a marriage document, or a declaration of domestic partnership under par. (a) through the state registrar's computer database if the event that is the subject of the birth or death occurred in the local registrar's registration district or if the registrant resided in the local registrar's registration district when the event occurred electronic system for vital record issuance.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2017.

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