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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senators George, Hardiman, Allen, Birkholz, Kuipers, Goschka and McManus

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 795

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2885.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 2885. (1) The state registrar may transmit on microfilm or microfiche or by other electronic means copies of the following vital record certificates or reports or indexes of the certificates or reports from the system of vital statistics to the library of Michigan to be made available to the public to facilitate genealogical research:

- (a) Each death record certificate that is 75 years old or older.
 - (b) Each marriage record certificate that is 75 years old or older, excluding those marriage record certificates issued under 1897 PA 180, MCL 551.201 to 551.204.
 - (c) Each divorce record that is 75 years old or older.
 - (d) Each birth record certificate that is 110 years old or older unless the certificate has been sealed or the disclosure of that certificate is otherwise prohibited by law.
- (2) To further facilitate genealogical research, the state registrar may do 1 or more of the following:
- (a) Establish and implement a web-based mechanism to provide the public with internet access to those vital record certificates or reports or indexes of the certificates or reports described under subsection (1).

(b) Transmit copies of those vital record certificates or reports or indexes of the certificates or reports described under subsection (1) to federal, state, local, and other public or private entities.

(3) Vital records described under subsection (1)(a), (b), and (c) that were previously sealed by law or rule shall be unsealed and may be released by the state registrar as historical copies of the certificate of a vital event.

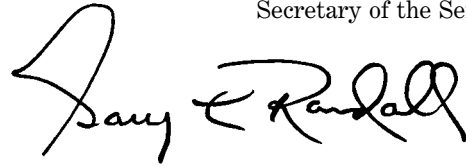
(4) The state registrar shall establish procedures for the transmission of those documents described in subsection (1). The state registrar may establish procedures for the updating and correcting of those documents described under subsection (1) that are subsequently amended or replaced.

(5) Vital records copies or information released by the state registrar in accordance with this section and no longer under the supervisory control of the state registrar shall not be considered prima facie evidence of the facts within those copies or other information.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor