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Abstract: Provides for the disclosure of records or issuance of certificates to an agent for the surety of a person who is a party to a criminal bail bond.

Present law provides that the state registrar shall not permit the inspection of records or issue a certificate, or any part thereof, unless he is satisfied that the applicant is any of the following:

(a) The person named in the certificate.

(b) A member of the immediate or surviving family of the person named in the certificate.

(c) A person named in a court proceeding as a member of the immediate or surviving family of the person named in the certificate.

(d) The beneficiary of an insurance policy or trust.

(e) A succession representative.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an agent for the surety of the person named in the certificate when the person named in the certificate is a party to a criminal bail bond as an applicant who can inspect records or receive a certificate. Proper documentation, including a copy of the power of attorney, shall be required by the agent for the surety requesting the certificate.

(Adds R.S. 40:41(C)(1)(f))