

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

VETERANS: Requires the office of vital records to share data regarding veterans

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:41(L), relative to vital records disclosure; to provide for the disclosure of  
3 certain vital records to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; to provide  
4 for the duties of the state registrar in disclosure of records; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:41(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §41. Disclosure of records

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10 L. For the purpose of determining the eligibility of a person to participate in  
11 veterans' benefits, upon written request, the state registrar shall issue a certified copy  
12 of a death certificate to a representative from the U.S. Department of Veterans  
13 Affairs. The written request from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
14 howsoever transmitted, shall constitute sufficient proof for release of the certificate.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires upon written request that the state registrar release death certificates of veterans to the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs for veterans benefit determinations.

Present law provides for the disclosure of vital records.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the state registrar to provide certain vital records to the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs upon written request for the purpose of determining veterans' benefits.

(Adds R.S. 40:41(L))