

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 204

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VITAL RECORDS/DEATH CERT: Provides with respect to parties to whom the state registrar of vital records may issue a death certificate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:41(C)(1)(f) through (i), relative to the state registrar of vital records; to  
3 provide with respect to those parties who may inspect records or be issued a death  
4 certificate; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:41(C)(1)(f) through (i) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §41. Disclosure of records

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9 C.(1) The state registrar shall not permit inspection of the records or issue  
10 a certificate, or any part thereof, unless he is satisfied that the applicant is any of the  
11 following:

12 \* \* \*

13 (f) A universal or general legatee in judgment of possession.

14 (g) Any beneficiary of a decedent's public pension plan.

15 (h) Any beneficiary of a decedent's individual retirement account or other  
16 private retirement plan or pension.

17 (i) Any beneficiary of a decedent's financial institution accounts classified  
18 as a "payable on death account".

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds certain individuals to those who may inspect records or receive a death certificate.

Present law states that records may be inspected by or a death certificate may be issued to the following:

- (1) A person named in the certificate.
- (2) A member of the immediate or surviving family of the person named in the certificate.
- (3) A person named in a court proceeding as a member of the immediate or surviving family of the person named in the certificate.
- (4) The beneficiary of an insurance policy or trust.
- (5) A succession representative.

Proposed law adds the following individuals who may inspect records or be issued a death certificate:

- (1) A universal or general legatee in judgment of possession.
- (2) Any beneficiary of a decedent's public pension plan.
- (3) Any beneficiary of a decedent's individual retirement account or other private retirement plan or pension.
- (4) Any beneficiary of a decedent's financial institution accounts classified as a "payable on death account".

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