

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

VITAL RECORDS/DEATH CERT: Provides relative to the timeline for the issuance of death certificates

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:50(D), relative to the state registrar of vital records; to require the issuance
3 of a death certificate within a certain time; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 40:50(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §50. Issuance of death certificates; duties of state registrar

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8 D. After preparation by the funeral director or other person required by law
9 to initiate a death certificate and issuance from the local registrar, the state registrar
10 shall provide the official death certificate to any applicant who meets the
11 requirements of R.S. 40:41 within seven days after the applicant submits a request
12 for the death certificate.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires death certificate issuance within seven days after a request from the respective applicant.

Present law requires a funeral director or other individuals to initiate a death certificate and file it with the local registrar.

Present law allows changes to be made to the certificate under certain circumstances.

Present law allows the local registrar to send a death certificate to the state registrar on the 10th day after the certificate is filed with him.

Proposed law requires state registrar to issue a death certificate within seven days after a request from an authorized applicant pursuant to present law.

(Adds R.S. 40:50(D))