2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 204

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

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

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§41. Disclosure of records

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

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

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

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

(i) Any beneficiary of a decedent's financial institution accounts classified 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))

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