

SENATE BILL No. 795

October 5, 2005, Introduced by Senators GEORGE, HARDIMAN, ALLEN, BIRKHOLZ, KUIPERS, GOSCHKA and McMANUS and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2885.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2885. (1) THE STATE REGISTRAR MAY TRANSMIT ON MICROFILM
2 OR MICROFICHE OR BY OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING
3 VITAL RECORD CERTIFICATES OR REPORTS OR INDEXES OF THE CERTIFICATES
4 OR REPORTS FROM THE SYSTEM OF VITAL STATISTICS TO THE LIBRARY OF
5 MICHIGAN TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC TO FACILITATE
6 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH:

7 (A) EACH DEATH RECORD CERTIFICATE THAT IS 75 YEARS OLD OR
8 OLDER.

1 (B) EACH MARRIAGE RECORD CERTIFICATE THAT IS 75 YEARS OLD OR
2 OLDER, EXCLUDING THOSE MARRIAGE RECORD CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER
3 1897 PA 180, MCL 551.201 TO 551.204.

4 (C) EACH DIVORCE RECORD THAT IS 75 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

5 (D) EACH BIRTH RECORD CERTIFICATE THAT IS 110 YEARS OLD OR
6 OLDER UNLESS THE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN SEALED OR THE DISCLOSURE OF
7 THAT CERTIFICATE IS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

8 (2) TO FURTHER FACILITATE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, THE STATE
9 REGISTRAR MAY DO 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 (A) ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A WEB-BASED MECHANISM TO PROVIDE
11 THE PUBLIC WITH INTERNET ACCESS TO THOSE VITAL RECORD CERTIFICATES
12 OR REPORTS OR INDEXES OF THE CERTIFICATES OR REPORTS DESCRIBED
13 UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

14 (B) TRANSMIT COPIES OF THOSE VITAL RECORD CERTIFICATES OR
15 REPORTS OR INDEXES OF THE CERTIFICATES OR REPORTS DESCRIBED UNDER
16 SUBSECTION (1) TO FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND OTHER PUBLIC OR
17 PRIVATE ENTITIES.

18 (3) VITAL RECORDS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) (A), (B), AND
19 (C) THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY SEALED BY LAW OR RULE SHALL BE UNSEALED
20 AND MAY BE RELEASED BY THE STATE REGISTRAR AS HISTORICAL COPIES OF
21 THE CERTIFICATE OF A VITAL EVENT.

22 (4) THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE
23 TRANSMISSION OF THOSE DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1). THE
24 STATE REGISTRAR MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE UPDATING AND
25 CORRECTING OF THOSE DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) THAT
26 ARE SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED OR REPLACED.

27 (5) VITAL RECORDS COPIES OR INFORMATION RELEASED BY THE STATE

1 REGISTRAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND NO LONGER UNDER THE
2 SUPERVISORY CONTROL OF THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED
3 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS WITHIN THOSE COPIES OR OTHER
4 INFORMATION.