

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.2813 State registrar; appointment; duties; inclusion of social security number; disclosure prohibited; violation; penalty.

Sec. 2813. (1) The director shall appoint, subject to civil service rules, a state registrar to administer the system of vital statistics.

(2) The state registrar shall:

(a) Administer and control the only system of vital statistics for this state, as authorized in this part and the rules promulgated pursuant to this part.

(b) Be the custodian of the system of vital statistics.

(c) Exercise superintending control over local registrars and administer and control the activities of local officials and all other persons as to the operation of the system of vital statistics. The state registrar shall require each local registrar to require, as required to comply with federal law, the entry of the social security number of each applicant on an application for his or her marriage license and of the deceased on his or her death certificate. The directive under this subdivision for the inclusion of a social security number on an application shall not be required of an applicant who is exempt under federal law from obtaining a social security number or who is exempt under federal or state law from including his or her social security number on such an application. The state registrar shall not require a marriage license applicant's social security number to be displayed on the marriage license.

(d) Issue instructions for the administration of the system of vital statistics and conduct training programs to promote uniformity of policy and procedures throughout the state in matters pertaining to the system of vital statistics.

(e) Prescribe, furnish, and distribute forms for vital records and vital statistics or prescribe other means of transmitting vital records and vital statistics information as required by this part and the rules promulgated pursuant to this part.

(f) Prepare and publish reports of vital statistics.

(3) A person shall not disclose, in a manner not authorized by law or rule, a social security number collected as required by this section. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both. A second or subsequent violation of this subsection is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

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