

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1930

55th Legislature  
1997 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 18, 1997  
Yeas 96 Nays 2

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 9, 1997  
Yeas 43 Nays 1

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President of the Senate

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1930** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State  
State of Washington

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**By** House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Linville, D. Schmidt and Sheldon)

Read first time 03/05/97.

1       AN ACT Relating to birth certificates; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 70.58 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.58 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6       No person may prepare or issue any birth certificate that purports  
7 to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a birth certificate  
8 except as authorized in this chapter.

9       The department shall adopt rules providing for the release of paper  
10 or electronic copies of birth certificate records that include adequate  
11 standards for security and confidentiality, assure the proper record is  
12 identified, and prevent fraudulent use of records. All certified  
13 copies of birth certificates in the state must be on paper and in a  
14 format provided and approved by the department and must include  
15 security features to deter the alteration, counterfeiting, duplication,  
16 or simulation without ready detection.

17       Federal, state, and local governmental agencies may, upon request  
18 and with submission of the appropriate fee, be furnished copies of  
19 birth certificates if the birth certificate will be used for the

1 agencies' official duties. The department may enter into agreements  
2 with offices of vital statistics outside the state for the transmission  
3 of copies of birth certificates to those offices when the birth  
4 certificates relate to residents of those jurisdictions and receipt of  
5 copies of birth certificates from those offices. The agreement must  
6 specify the statistical and administrative purposes for which the birth  
7 certificates may be used and must provide instructions for the proper  
8 retention and disposition of the copies. Copies of birth certificates  
9 that are received by the department from other offices of vital  
10 statistics outside the state must be handled as provided under the  
11 agreements.

12 The department may disclose information that may identify any  
13 person named in any birth certificate record for research purposes as  
14 provided under chapter 42.48 RCW.

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