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1 AN ACT Relating to social security numbers on certificates of
2 death; and amending RCW 70.58.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.055 and 1997 c 58 s 948 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) To promote and maintain nation-wide uniformity in the system of
7 vital statistics, the certificates required by this chapter or by the
8 rules adopted under this chapter shall include, as a minimum, the items
9 recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital
10 statistics including social security numbers. However, if a social
11 security number is included on a certificate of death, it shall be
12 placed in a confidential section of the certificate form and shall not
13 be subject to the view of the public, except that the personal
14 representative of the estate of the deceased or the surviving spouse of
15 the deceased may obtain the confidential section with the certificate
16 and may authorize the release of the confidential section with the
17 certificate.

18 (2) The state board of health by rule may require additional
19 pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as

1 it may deem necessary for statistical study. This information shall be
2 placed in a confidential section of the birth certificate form and
3 shall not be subject to the view of the public or for certification
4 purposes except upon order of the court. The state board of health may
5 eliminate from the forms items that it determines are not necessary for
6 statistical study.

7 (3) Each certificate or other document required by this chapter
8 shall be on a form or in a format prescribed by the state registrar.

9 (4) All vital records shall contain the data required for
10 registration. No certificate may be held to be complete and correct
11 that does not supply all items of information called for or that does
12 not satisfactorily account for the omission of required items.

13 (5) Information required in certificates or documents authorized by
14 this chapter may be filed and registered by photographic, electronic,
15 or other means as prescribed by the state registrar.

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