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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Ross, Klippert, and Johnson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disclosure of confidential information on
2 birth certificates; 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 nationwide 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.

11 (2)(a) The state board of health by rule may require additional
12 pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as
13 it may deem necessary for statistical study. This information shall be
14 placed in a confidential section of the birth certificate form and
15 shall not be used for certification, nor shall it be subject to the
16 view of the public (~~or for certification purposes except upon order of~~
17 ~~the court~~)) except as provided in (b) of this subsection. The state
18 board of health may eliminate from the forms items that it determines
19 are not necessary for statistical study.

1 (b) Information contained in the confidential section of the birth
2 certificate form may only be available for review by:

3 (i) A member of the public upon order of the court; or

4 (ii) The individual who is the subject of the birth certificate
5 upon confirmation of the identity of the requestor in a manner approved
6 by the state board of health. Confidential information provided to the
7 individual who is the subject of the birth certificate shall be limited
8 to information on the child and shall not include information on the
9 mother or father.

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

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

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

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