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HOUSE FILE 2105  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Place On Calendar

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 538)

Passed House, Date 1/22/90 (p.137) Passed Senate, Date 3/13/90 (p.1043)  
Vote: Ayes 93 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0  
Approved March 23, 1990

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for access to certain vital statistics records  
2 which are at least seventy-five years old.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2105

1 Section 1. Section 144.43, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code  
2 1989, is amended to read as follows:

3 However, the following vital statistics records may be  
4 inspected and copied as of right under chapter 22 when they  
5 are in the custody of a county registrar or when they are in  
6 the custody of the state archivist and are at least seventy-  
7 five years old:

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill permits inspection and copying of certain vital  
10 statistics records. The records must be at least seventy-five  
11 years of age and be housed with the state archivist.

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HOUSE FILE 2105

S-5470

1 Amend House File 2105, as passed by the House, as  
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 5 through 7, and  
4 inserting the following: "are at least seventy-five  
5 years of age and are in the custody of a county  
6 registrar or the state archivist:"

7 2. Page 1, by inserting after line 7 the  
8 following:

9 "Sec. 2. Section 144.43, Code 1989, is amended by  
10 adding the following new unnumbered paragraphs:

11 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If these records are  
12 less than seventy-five years old, the records may only  
13 be inspected by and certified copies may only be  
14 released to a person who has a verifiable direct and  
15 tangible interest in the record, and who has paid a  
16 reasonable fee for certification.

17 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Direct and tangible  
18 interest exists if the person interested in the  
19 records is the registrant, a member of the  
20 registrant's immediate family, the registrant's legal  
21 representative, or if a person requires the  
22 information for the determination or protection of the  
23 person's personal or property interests. A person  
24 conducting family research must substantiate a line of  
25 direct lineal consanguinity to demonstrate the exis-  
26 tence of a direct and tangible interest."

27 3. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the  
28 word "old" the following: "and under certain  
29 circumstances to certain vital statistics records  
30 which are less than seventy-five years old".

By JULIA GENTLEMAN

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HSB 538

HUMAN RESOURCES

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HOUSE FILE 5115

BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BILL)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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12 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

13 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

14 The law currently prohibits access to vital records unless  
15 they are retrieved at the county where the event was  
16 registered. This proposal would make records retained by the  
17 state more accessible to the public. The National Center for  
18 Health Statistics recommends public access to records seventy-  
19 five years old or older.

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2105, Seventy-third General Assembly.

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JOSEPH O'HERN  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 23, 1990

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor

HOUSE FILE 2105

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR ACCESS TO CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS WHICH ARE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD.

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