

House File 2136

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public access to certain vital statistics
2 records.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6325YH 82
5 rh/rj/5

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1 1 Section 1. Section 144.43, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 However, the following vital statistics records may be
1 4 inspected and copied as of right under chapter 22 when they
1 5 are in the custody of a county registrar, or when they are in
1 6 the custody of the state archivist and are at least
1 7 seventy-five years old:

EXPLANATION

1 8 This bill provides that certain vital statistics records,
1 9 i.e., birth records, marriage records, divorce records,
1 10 dissolution of marriage records, annulment of marriage
1 11 records, and death records, except for fetal death records, in
1 12 the custody of a county registrar may be inspected and copied
1 13 by the general public upon request under Iowa's open records
1 14 law (Code chapter 22). Such records that are in the custody
1 15 of the state archivist must be at least 75 years old before
1 16 public access may be allowed.
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1 18 LSB 6325YH 82
1 19 rh/rj/5