

Senate File 2430 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3194)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the correction and substitution of death
2 certificates.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 144.26, Code 2024, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The department shall provide for
4 correction to the medical certification of cause of death and
5 substitution of a death certificate if evidence substantiating
6 the correction and substitution is presented to the state
7 registrar within twelve months of the date of death of the
8 decedent. A correction to the medical certification of
9 the cause of death and substitution of a death certificate
10 requested after twelve months of the date of death of the
11 decedent shall be made by order of a court of competent
12 jurisdiction and considered an amendment of official record
13 pursuant to section 144.38. The substituted death certificate
14 shall comply with requirements pursuant to sections 144.38 and
15 144.41. A fee shall not be charged for a correction to and
16 substitution of a death certificate under this subsection.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the correction and substitution of
21 death certificates.

22 The bill requires the department of health and human
23 services to provide for correction to the medical certification
24 of cause of death and substitution of a death certificate
25 if evidence substantiating the correction and substitution
26 is presented to the state registrar within 12 months of the
27 date of death of the decedent. A correction to the medical
28 certification of the cause of death and substitution of a
29 death certificate requested after 12 months of the date of
30 death of the decedent shall be made by order of a court of
31 competent jurisdiction and considered an amendment of official
32 record. The substituted death certificate shall comply with
33 requirements relating to the amendment of an official record
34 and the amending of local records. A fee shall not be charged
35 for a correction to and substitution of a death certificate

1 under the bill.