

Senate Study Bill 3194 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON)

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 and substitution of a death certificate if evidence
5 substantiating the correction or substitution is presented
6 to the state registrar within twelve months of the filing of
7 the death certificate. The death certificate shall be marked
8 "amended" and comply with other requirements pursuant to
9 sections 144.38 and 144.41.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill relates to the correction and substitution of
14 death certificates.

15 The bill provides that the department of health and
16 human services (HHS) shall provide for the correction and
17 substitution of a death certificate when substantiated evidence
18 of a mistake is presented to the state registrar within 12
19 months of the filing of the death certificate. The death
20 certificate shall be marked "amended" and comply with other
21 requirements pursuant to Code sections 144.38 (amendment of
22 official record) and 144.41 (amending local records).