

CHAPTER 1143

DEATH CERTIFICATES — CORRECTION AND SUBSTITUTION

S.F. 2430

AN ACT relating to the correction and substitution of death certificates.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 144.26](#), Code 2024, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The department shall provide for correction to the medical certification of cause of death and substitution of a death certificate if evidence substantiating the correction and substitution is presented to the state registrar within twelve months of the date of death of the decedent. A correction to the medical certification of the cause of death and substitution of a death certificate requested after twelve months of the date of death of the decedent shall be made by order of a court of competent jurisdiction and considered an amendment of official record pursuant to [section 144.38](#). The substituted death certificate shall comply with requirements pursuant to [sections 144.38](#) and [144.41](#). A fee shall not be charged for a correction to and substitution of a death certificate under [this subsection](#).

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