

HOUSE BILL NO. 1481

Introduced by

Representative Dobervich

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-27 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to access to death records.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-27 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 2. A certified copy of a complete death record may be issued to a relative, an authorized
7 representative, the child fatality review board, a licensed physician, or a genetic sibling
8 for the purposes of researching family medical history; a funeral director, ~~coroner,~~
9 ~~medical examiner, or state forensic examiner~~ reporting the facts of death, a
10 coroner, medical examiner, or state forensic examiner investigating and reporting the
11 medical cause of death; a person with personal or real property interests that depend
12 upon information contained in the complete death record; or by the order of a court of
13 competent jurisdiction, and may include the cause of death and the social security
14 number. A certified copy of the facts of death record that includes the facts of death
15 and the social security number may be issued to any person that may obtain a
16 certified copy of a complete death record or to any licensed attorney who requires the
17 copy for a bona fide legal determination. A certified copy of an informational death
18 record may be issued to the general public, but the copy may not contain the cause of
19 death or the social security number.