

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2163**

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Dwyer, Hogan

Representatives Dobervich, Klemin, Roers Jones

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-02.1-28 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to access to vital record data.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-02.1-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **23-02.1-28. Copies of data from vital records.**

7 In accordance with section 23-02.1-27 and ~~the regulations adopted pursuant thereto~~rules  
8 adopted under section 23-02.1-27:

9 1. The state registrar ~~shall~~, upon request of a person entitled to a copy under section  
10 23-02.1-27, shall issue a certified copy of any record or part of a record in the  
11 registrar's custody. Each copy issued must show the date of registration; and copies  
12 issued from records marked "delayed", "amended", or "court order" must be similarly  
13 marked and show the effective date of filing.

14 2. A certified copy of a record or any part of the record issued in accordance with  
15 subsection 1 must be considered evidence of the facts stated in the record, provided  
16 that the evidentiary value of a record filed more than one year after the event, or a  
17 record ~~which~~that has been amended, must be determined by the judicial or  
18 administrative body or official before ~~whom~~which the record is offered as evidence.

19 3. ~~Data~~Upon request, the state registrar shall provide data or copies ~~may be furnished~~  
20 for statistical purposes to federal, state, local, or other public or private agencies,  
21 including the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics, upon such terms  
22 and conditions ~~as may be prescribed by the state department of health through rules~~  
23 ~~and regulations~~established through rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. As used in

1           this subsection, data includes data that has not been finalized which the state registrar  
2           shall designate as "preliminary".

3           4. ~~No~~A person may not prepare or issue ~~any~~a certificate or record ~~which~~that purports to  
4           be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate or record of birth, death, or fetal  
5           death, except as provided in this chapter, or ~~regulations~~rules adopted under this  
6           chapter.

7           5. A certified copy may not disclose an individual's social security number unless the  
8           copy is being provided to the individual to whom ~~it~~the copy pertains, a relative or  
9           authorized representative, or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.