

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1510**

Chapter 44, Laws of 2009

61st Legislature  
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BIRTH CERTIFICATES--CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION--DISCLOSURE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/26/09

Passed by the House March 3, 2009  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 1, 2009  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved April 9, 2009, 2:33 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1510** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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April 10, 2009

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Ross, Klippert, and Johnson)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to the disclosure of confidential information on  
2 birth certificates; and amending RCW 70.58.055.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.055 and 1997 c 58 s 948 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) To promote and maintain nationwide uniformity in the system of  
7 vital statistics, the certificates required by this chapter or by the  
8 rules adopted under this chapter shall include, as a minimum, the items  
9 recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital  
10 statistics including social security numbers.

11            (2)(a) The state board of health by rule may require additional  
12 pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as  
13 it may deem necessary for statistical study. This information shall be  
14 placed in a confidential section of the birth certificate form and  
15 shall not be used for certification, nor shall it be subject to the  
16 view of the public (~~or for certification purposes except upon order of~~  
17 ~~the court~~) except as provided in (b) of this subsection. The state  
18 board of health may eliminate from the forms items that it determines  
19 are not necessary for statistical study.

1       (b) Information contained in the confidential section of the birth  
2 certificate form may only be available for review by:

3       (i) A member of the public upon order of the court; or

4       (ii) The individual who is the subject of the birth certificate  
5 upon confirmation of the identity of the requestor in a manner approved  
6 by the state board of health. Confidential information provided to the  
7 individual who is the subject of the birth certificate shall be limited  
8 to information on the child and shall not include information on the  
9 mother or father.

10       (3) Each certificate or other document required by this chapter  
11 shall be on a form or in a format prescribed by the state registrar.

12       (4) All vital records shall contain the data required for  
13 registration. No certificate may be held to be complete and correct  
14 that does not supply all items of information called for or that does  
15 not satisfactorily account for the omission of required items.

16       (5) Information required in certificates or documents authorized by  
17 this chapter may be filed and registered by photographic, electronic,  
18 or other means as prescribed by the state registrar.

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