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BIRTH CERTIFICATES--CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION--DISCLOSURE

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

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

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
Chief Clerk

FILED
April 10, 2009

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to the disclosure of confidential information on
birth certificates; and amending RCW 70.58.055.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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