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By Senators Tom, Oemig, and McDermott

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing consumer privacy by limiting access to
2 birth certificates; and adding a new section to chapter 70.58 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.58 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In addition to the requirements in RCW 70.58.082:

7 (1) The department shall not provide access to a birth certificate
8 that is less than one hundred twenty-five years old unless the
9 requester is one of the following: (a) The person named on the birth
10 certificate; (b) the legal parent or guardian of the person named on
11 the birth certificate; (c) a person or entity with a court order; or
12 (d) a person that is accessing the birth certificate for research
13 purposes as provided under chapter 42.48 RCW.

14 (2) The department shall require that every person requesting a
15 copy of a birth certificate or access to a birth certificate provide
16 proof that he or she is authorized to do so under subsection (1) of
17 this section.

1 (3) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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