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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing means of identifying persons
2 requesting copies of birth certificates; and amending RCW 70.58.082.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.082 and 1997 c 108 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 No person may prepare or issue any birth certificate that purports
7 to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a birth certificate
8 except as authorized in this chapter.

9 The department shall adopt rules providing for the release of paper
10 or electronic copies of birth certificate records (~~that~~). The rules
11 shall include adequate means for determining the proper identity of the
12 person making the request for the release of the record, including a
13 statement of the person's relationship to the person on the record and
14 the presentation of either any photo identification issued to the
15 person by any federal, state, or local government or two forms of
16 nonphotographic identification issued to the person both of which must
17 include the person's signature, adequate assurances the proper record
18 is identified, adequate standards for maintaining the security and
19 confidentiality of the records, (~~assure the proper record is~~

1 ~~identified, and prevent))~~ and adequate safeguards for preventing
2 fraudulent use of the record(~~s~~). All certified copies of birth
3 certificates in the state must be on paper and in a format provided and
4 approved by the department and must include security features to deter
5 the alteration, counterfeiting, duplication, or simulation without
6 ready detection.

7 Federal, state, and local governmental agencies may, upon request
8 and with submission of the appropriate fee, be furnished copies of
9 birth certificates if the birth certificate will be used for the
10 agencies' official duties. The department may enter into agreements
11 with offices of vital statistics outside the state for the transmission
12 of copies of birth certificates to those offices when the birth
13 certificates relate to residents of those jurisdictions and receipt of
14 copies of birth certificates from those offices. The agreement must
15 specify the statistical and administrative purposes for which the birth
16 certificates may be used and must provide instructions for the proper
17 retention and disposition of the copies. Copies of birth certificates
18 that are received by the department from other offices of vital
19 statistics outside the state must be handled as provided under the
20 agreements.

21 The department may disclose information that may identify any
22 person named in any birth certificate record for research purposes as
23 provided under chapter 42.48 RCW.

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