| 1 | ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3743 By: Sims of the House |
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| 3 | and |
| 4 | Paxton of the Senate |
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| 7 | An Act relating to vital records; amending 63 O.S. |
| 8 | 2011, Section 1-324, which relates to certified copies of records; directing the State Commissioner |
| 9 | of Health to contract with the Oklahoma Tax Commission; providing for issuance of certified death |
| 10 | certificates at local tag agencies; authorizing convenience fee; and providing an effective date. |
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| 13 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: |
| 14 | SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-324, is |
| 15 | amended to read as follows: |
| 16 | Section 1-324. Unless otherwise provided in this article: |
| 17 | (a) <u>A.</u> The State Commissioner of Health shall, upon request, |
| 18 | issue a certified copy of any certificate or record in his <u>or her</u> |
| 19 | custody or of a part thereof. Each copy issued from records marked |
| 20 | "delayed $_{	au}$ ", "amended $_{	au}$ ", or "court order" shall be similarly marked |
| 21 | and show the effective date. |
| 22 | (b) B. The State Commissioner of Health shall contract with the |
| 23 | Oklahoma Tax Commission to make certified copies of death |
| 24 | certificates available for issuance at local tag agencies. The tag |

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1 agency shall charge and collect a convenience fee of not more than 2 Eight Dollars (\$8.00) in addition to the prescribed fees for death 3 certificates for the issuance of a certified copy of a death 4 certificate issued pursuant to this section.

5 A copy of a certificate or any part thereof issued in accordance with subsection (a) subsections A and B of this section, certified 6 7 to by the State Commissioner of Health or by a person designated by him or her for such purpose, shall be considered for all purposes 8 9 the same as the original, and shall be prima facie evidence of the 10 facts therein stated, provided that the evidentiary value of a 11 certificate or record filed more than one (1) year after the event 12 or a record which has been amended shall be determined by the 13 judicial or administrative body or official before whom the 14 certificate is offered as evidence. Such certification by the 15 Commissioner or his or her designee, and seal accompanying the same, 16 may be accomplished by facsimile process.

17 (c) C. The National Vital Statistics Division may be furnished 18 such copies or data as it may require for national statistics; 19 provided, that the State Department of Health shall be reimbursed 20 for the cost of furnishing such data; and provided, further, that 21 such data shall not be used for other than statistical purposes by 22 the National Vital Statistics Division unless so authorized by the 23 State Commissioner of Health.

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| 1 | (d) <u>D.</u> Federal, state, local, and other public or private |
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| 2 | agencies may, upon request, be furnished copies or data for |
| 3 | statistical purposes, upon such terms or conditions as may be |
| 4 | prescribed by the Commissioner. |
| 5 | (e) <u>E.</u> No person shall prepare or issue any certificate which |
| 6 | purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate |
| 7 | of birth, death, or fetal death, except as authorized in this |
| 8 | article, or regulations adopted hereunder. |
| 9 | SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020. |
| 10 | Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2020. |
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| 12 | Presiding Officer of the House |
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| 14 | Passed the Senate the day of 2020 |
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