

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced: 2/22/05

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without cost."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.50.320 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 18.50.320. Copies of data from vital records.** Except as otherwise
5 provided and in accordance with the regulations adopted under AS 18.50.310,

6 (1) the bureau and the custodian of permanent local records shall, upon
7 request, issue a certified copy of a certificate or record in their custody, or a part of it;
8 each copy issued must show the date of registration or recording, and copies issued
9 from records marked "delayed," "amended," or "court order" shall be similarly marked
10 and must show the effective date;

11 (2) a certified copy of a certificate or a part of it issued in accordance
12 with (1) of this section is considered the original for all purposes and is prima facie
13 evidence of the facts stated; **however**, [PROVIDED THAT] the evidentiary value of a
14 certificate or record filed more than one year after the event, or a record that has been
15 amended, or a presumptive death certificate, shall be determined by the judicial or

1 administrative body or official before whom the certificate is offered as evidence;

2 (3) the National Office of Vital Statistics may be furnished the copies
3 or data it requires for national statistics if the bureau is reimbursed for the cost of
4 furnishing the data; the National Office of Vital Statistics may not use the data for
5 purposes other than statistical purposes unless authorized by the state registrar;

6 (4) federal, state, local, and other public or private agencies, upon
7 request, may be furnished copies or data for statistical purposes on the terms or
8 conditions prescribed by the bureau;

9 (5) a person or agency may not prepare or issue a certificate or part of
10 a certificate that purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate of
11 birth, death, fetal death, or marriage, except as authorized in this chapter or the
12 regulations adopted under it;

13 (6) upon request, the bureau shall furnish a copy of a certificate or
14 record registered by the bureau to the child support services agency created in
15 AS 25.27.010, or the child support enforcement agency of another state, for child
16 support purposes authorized under law; such a certificate or record that is prepared or
17 maintained in an electronic data base may be supplied by providing the requesting
18 agency with a copy of the electronic certificate or record and a statement certifying its
19 contents;

20 **(7) upon request and without cost to the individual making the**
21 **request, the bureau shall issue a copy of the death certificate of a veteran to the**
22 **surviving spouse, next of kin, or other relative of the deceased veteran.**