

REFERENCE TITLE: death registration; notification requirements

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-302, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO DEATH
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 36-302, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 36-302. System of vital records; powers and duties of the
5 state registrar
6 A. The director of the department is the state registrar of vital
7 records.
8 B. The state registrar of vital records shall:
9 1. Adopt rules to implement a statewide system of vital records
10 pursuant to this chapter using the recommendations of the federal agency
11 responsible for national vital statistics as guidelines, subject to
12 modification by the state registrar.
13 2. Administer and enforce this chapter and the rules adopted
14 pursuant to this chapter and provide for the efficient administration of a
15 statewide system of vital records.
16 3. Organize, operate and maintain the only system of vital records
17 in this state.
18 4. Direct and supervise the creation and registration of vital
19 records, electronically and physically, and be the custodian of vital
20 records.
21 5. Establish registration districts throughout this state.
22 6. Appoint, direct and remove local registrars.
23 7. Prescribe and distribute forms required pursuant to this chapter
24 and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.
25 8. Prepare and issue copies of vital records.
26 9. Provide a means for the public to request a copy of a vital
27 record and grant or deny the request according to criteria prescribed by
28 rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. These rules shall include
29 eligibility criteria, proof of identity requirements and payment
30 requirements to obtain the requested vital record.
31 10. Pursuant to section 16-165, transmit each month to the county
32 recorder a record of the death of each resident of the county recorder's
33 county who is at least sixteen years of age.
34 11. Determine acceptability and completeness of a certificate,
35 evidentiary document or form submitted to the state registrar.
36 12. Investigate violations of this chapter and rules adopted
37 pursuant to this chapter.
38 13. Report violations of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to
39 this chapter to the county attorney in the registration district in which
40 the violation occurs or to the attorney general.
41 14. TRANSMIT EACH MONTH TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE
42 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE A RECORD OF
43 THE DEATH OF EACH RESIDENT OF THIS STATE WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF
44 AGE.

- 1 C. The state registrar may:
- 2 1. Appoint, in writing, one or more persons to serve as assistant
- 3 state registrars with any or all powers and duties vested in the state
- 4 registrar.
- 5 2. Appoint, direct and remove a deputy local registrar.
- 6 3. Inspect a registration district's certificates, evidentiary
- 7 documents, forms or other information related to the system of vital
- 8 records.
- 9 4. Establish quality control procedures that include on-site
- 10 inspections and review of evidentiary documents, forms and other
- 11 information used in ~~the creation of~~ CREATING vital records.
- 12 5. Consolidate or subdivide registration districts.