
DIGEST

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HB 75 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Adds authority of an attorney to obtain a death certificate of a deceased person on whose behalf the attorney is preparing a small succession.

Present law provides that the credentials of an attorney, a written declaration of the record in which he is interested, and a written declaration or oral statement that he is a legal representative of one of the named parties approved to obtain a death certificate, shall constitute sufficient proof of a direct interest in the matter recorded.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes an attorney to obtain a death certificate of a deceased person on whose behalf the attorney is preparing a small succession.

Present law provides that the state registrar of vital records shall not permit inspection of a death record or issue a death certificate, or any part thereof, unless he is satisfied that the applicant is any of the following:

- (1) The person named in the certificate.
- (2) A member of the immediate or surviving family of the person named in the certificate.
- (3) A person named in a court proceeding as a member of the immediate or surviving family of the person named in the certificate.
- (4) The beneficiary of an insurance policy or trust.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a succession representative as a person to whom the state registrar may permit inspection of a death record, and to whom the registrar may issue a death certificate or any part thereof.

(Amends R.S. 40:41(C)(1) and (2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add a succession representative as a person to whom the state registrar may permit

inspection of the death record, and to whom the registrar may issue a death certificate or any part thereof.