

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:50(D), relative to the state registrar of vital records; to require the issuance of a death certificate within a certain time; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:50(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§50. Issuance of death certificates; duties of state registrar

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D. After preparation by the funeral director or other person required by law to initiate a death certificate and issuance from the local registrar, the state registrar shall provide the official death certificate to any applicant who meets the requirements of R.S. 40:41 within ten business days after the state registrar has received the applicant's request for the death certificate. The state registrar's provision of the death certificate, to the applicant, shall be deemed timely when it has been mailed via the United States Postal Service, or with a commercial mail service, with a timely commercial mail meter stamp or commercial mail service certificate that is within the ten-business-day period. Any death certificate provided to an applicant outside of the ten business days that is unable to be meter-stamped for United States Postal Service mail delivery or certified for commercial mail

1 service delivery during the ten-business-day period due to events outside of the state
2 registrar's control, shall be considered timely provided.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____