

SB 298 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes time limitation in which employee or agent of a funeral home may request certified copy of death or fetal death record.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process for family to request death certificate and value of providing service at funeral home

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds employee or agent of funeral home to list of persons who may request certified copy of death record containing cause and manner of death.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute allows employees or agents of a funeral home or person acting as a funeral service practitioner who is named in the record of death to request a record of death or fetal death for up to two years following the date of death. Senate Bill 298 removes the two-year window, allowing the specified parties to request a record of death or fetal death at any time following the date of death.