

**SB 298 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hansell

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**Action Date:** 02/26/19  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 5-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Olsen, Riley  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 2/12, 2/26

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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. 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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

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:**

Employees or agents of a funeral home can request a death record for up to two years following the date of death. Family members and other parties can request a death record at any point following the date of death. Funeral homes often help clients to request death records of the deceased, but are unable to provide that service outside of the two-year statutory window.

Senate Bill 298-A removes the two-year window, allowing the employees or agents of a funeral home to request death records at any time following the date of death. The measure also adds employees or agents of a funeral home to the list of people who can request a certified copy of a death record containing the cause and manner of death.