

**VITAL RECORDS MODIFICATIONS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions regarding amending vital records.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- modifies the rulemaking authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (department) regarding when an error or omission to a vital record may be corrected; and

- allows the department to issue an amended birth certificate for an individual only if the individual is older than 18 years old.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:****26-2-7**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 231**26-2-11**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 202

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*Section 1. Section **26-2-7** is amended to read:

**26-2-7. Correction of errors or omissions in vital records -- Conflicting birth and foundling certificates -- Rulemaking.**

(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department may make rules:

~~[(1)]~~ (a) governing applications to correct alleged errors or omissions on any vital record;

~~[(2)]~~ (b) establishing procedures to resolve conflicting birth and foundling certificates; and

~~[(3)]~~ (c) allowing for the correction and reissuance of a vital record that was originally created omitting a diacritical mark.

(2) The department may correct an error or omission under Subsection (1)(a) if the correction is made no later than one year from the day the vital record is created.

Section 2. Section **26-2-11** is amended to read:

**26-2-11. Name or sex change -- Registration of court order and amendment of birth certificate.**

(1) ~~[When]~~ Except as provided under Section 26-2-10 for a supplementary birth certificate, when a person born in this state has a name change or sex change approved by an order of a Utah district court or a court of competent jurisdiction of another state or a province of Canada, a certified copy of the order may be filed with the state registrar with an application form provided by the registrar.

(2) (a) ~~[Upon]~~ Subject to Subsection (3), upon receipt of the application, a certified copy of the order, and payment of the required fee, the state registrar shall review the application, and if complete, register it and note the fact of the amendment on the otherwise unaltered original certificate.

(b) The amendment shall be registered with and become a part of the original certificate and a certified copy shall be issued to the applicant without additional cost.

(3) The state registrar may process an application submitted under this section if the application is for an individual who is older than 18 years old.