

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.2885 Transmission of vital records to library of Michigan.

Sec. 2885.

(1) The state registrar may transmit on microfilm or microfiche or by other electronic means copies of the following vital record certificates or reports or indexes of the certificates or reports from the system of vital statistics to the library of Michigan to be made available to the public to facilitate genealogical research:

(a) Each death record certificate that is 75 years old or older.
(b) Each marriage record certificate that is 75 years old or older, excluding those marriage record certificates issued under 1897 PA 180, MCL 551.201 to 551.204.

(c) Each divorce record that is 75 years old or older.
(d) Each birth record certificate that is 110 years old or older unless the certificate has been sealed or the disclosure of that certificate is otherwise prohibited by law.

(2) To further facilitate genealogical research, the state registrar may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Establish and implement a web-based mechanism to provide the public with internet access to those vital record certificates or reports or indexes of the certificates or reports described under subsection (1).
(b) Transmit copies of those vital record certificates or reports or indexes of the certificates or reports described under subsection (1) to federal, state, local, and other public or private entities.

(3) Vital records described under subsection (1)(a), (b), and (c) that were previously sealed by law or rule shall be unsealed and may be released by the state registrar as historical copies of the certificate of a vital event.

(4) The state registrar shall establish procedures for the transmission of those documents described in subsection (1). The state registrar may establish procedures for the updating and correcting of those documents described under subsection (1) that are subsequently amended or replaced.

(5) Vital records copies or information released by the state registrar in accordance with this section and no longer under the supervisory control of the state registrar shall not be considered prima facie evidence of the facts within those copies or other information.

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Compiler's Notes: For transfer of powers and duties of library of Michigan and state librarian, except pertaining to services for blind and physically handicapped and those related to census data functions, to department of education, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.