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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 193.225 and 193.245, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to disclosure of certain death records.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 193.225 and 193.245, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 193.225 and 193.245, to read as follows:

193.225. To preserve vital records, the state registrar is authorized to prepare
2 typewritten, photographic, electronic, or other reproductions of vital statistics certificates or
3 reports. **Such reproducing material shall be of durable material and the device used to**
4 **reproduce the records shall be as to accurately reproduce and perpetuate the original**
5 **records in all details ensuring their proper retention and integrity in accordance with**
6 **standards established by the state records commission.** Such reproductions when certified
7 by the state registrar shall be accepted as the original records. [The documents] **Death records**
8 **over fifty years old** from which permanent reproductions have been made and verified [may be
9 disposed of as provided by regulation] **shall be transferred to the Missouri state archives.**

193.245. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit inspection of, or to disclose
2 information contained in, vital records or to copy or issue a copy of all or part of any such record
3 except as authorized by this law and by regulation or by order of a court of competent
4 jurisdiction or in the following situations:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is new proposed language.

5 (1) A listing of persons who are born or who die on a particular date may be disclosed
6 upon request, but no information from the record other than the name and the date of such birth
7 or death shall be disclosed;

8 (2) The department may authorize the disclosure of information contained in vital
9 records for legitimate research purposes;

10 (3) To a qualified applicant as provided in section 193.255;

11 **(4) Copies of death records over fifty years old may be disclosed upon request.**