

PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS AND INFORMATION SERVICES – Proposed Amendment

R.61-19, Vital Statistics

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Summary:

The Department proposes amending R.61-19, Vital Statistics, as follows:

1. Revise Section 1104, Documentary Evidence Required to Correct or Amend Vital Records, subsection A.3, to clarify that the State Registrar may, at his or her discretion, allow other documents to be used for amendment of birth records.
2. Revise Section 1105, Addition of Registrant's First or Middle Names on Live Birth Records, to increase the instances in which names may be administratively added to a birth record.
3. Update the fee schedule.
4. Add a section in order to implement House Bill 3775, an act to amend Section 44-63-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina, relating in part to original birth certificates of adopted persons. The General Assembly successfully passed H.3775 on May 10, 2018, and the Governor signed the bill into law on May 17, 2018.

These proposed revisions are intended to allow greater flexibility with administrative amendments to birth records, thereby reducing the number of instances in which court orders are required. In addition, the Department's proposed fee increase is needed not only to ensure adequate funding for the program and to maintain current operations, but also for overall improvement in services to constituents and stakeholders. The last fee increase for the Vital Statistics program was July 1, 1998.

The Department may also include stylistic changes, including corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, definitions, references, codification, and overall improvement of the text of the regulation.

General Assembly review is required.

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