

A Bill for an Act Relating to Certified Copies of Vital Records.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 338-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 338-13 Certified copies.** (a) Subject to the requirements of sections 338-16, 338-17, and 338-18, the department of health shall, upon request, furnish to any applicant a certified copy of any certificate, or the contents of any certificate, or any part thereof.

(b) Copies of the contents of any certificate on file in the department, certified by the department shall be considered for all purposes the same as the original, subject to the requirements of sections 338-16, 338-17, and 338-18.

(c) Copies may be made by photography, dry copy reproduction, typing, computer printout or other process approved by the director of health.”

SECTION 2. Section 572-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 572-13 Record of solemnization; marriages, reported by whom; certified copies.** (a) Record keeping. Every person authorized to solemnize marriage shall make and preserve a record of every marriage by him solemnized, comprising the names of the man and woman married, their place of residence, and the date of their marriage.

Every person authorized to solemnize marriage, who neglects to keep a record of any marriage by him solemnized shall be fined \$50.

(b) Marriages, reported by whom. It shall be the duty of every person, legally authorized to perform the marriage ceremony, to immediately report every marriage ceremony, performed by him, to the agent of the department of health in the district in which the marriage takes place setting forth all facts required to be stated in a standard certificate of marriage, the form and contents of which shall be prescribed by the department of health.

(c) Certified copies of certificate of marriage. The department of health shall deliver one certified copy of the certificate of marriage or the contents or any part thereof as provided in section 338-13 to the persons married. The certificate shall be prima facie evidence of the fact of marriage in any proceeding in any court.

The department of health shall upon request, furnish to any applicant additional certified copies of the certificate of marriage or any part thereof.

Copies of the contents of any certificate on file in the department, certified by the department shall be considered for all purposes the same as the original.

The department may prescribe reasonable fees, if any, to be paid for certified copies of certificates.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 8, 1978.)

\*Edited accordingly.