New Vital Records Law Goes Into Effect

On July 12th, a new law preventing fraudulent use of vital records goes into effect. Vital records include birth certificates, fetal death and death certificates, marriage certificates, and domestic partner registrations. Maine's new law will require a person requesting a copy of records less than 100 years old to provide documentation establishing their direct and legitimate interest in the records.

Until now, Maine has been one of just a handful of states that have allowed anyone, including individuals with bad intentions and for profit entities, access to these records. Information from vital records will become completely open to the public 100 years from the date of the event.

Individuals who may access vital records less than 100 years old include:

- The person named on the record;
- The person's spouse or registered domestic partner;
- The parent(s) named on the record;
- Descendants of the person named on the record;
- Registrant's legal custodian, guardian, or conservator or respective authorized representative (includes attorney, physician, or funeral director); and
- Genealogists who have a Maine CDC issued researcher identification card.

Proof of identity must also be presented to the municipal and city clerks or state Vital Records Office staff. A brief application for securing a copy of the vital record must be filled out and presented, along with positive identification such as a driver's license, passport, or other government issued picture identification that clearly shows that the person requesting the record is who they say they are. Identification requirements apply whether the records are requested in person or by mail.

More information on this issue may be found at www.mainepublichealth.gov.

Marriage License

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			Bank statements
Date of Ma	arriage:	_	Vehicle registration
How many	copies?		Income tax return
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Indicate ye	our Relationship to the person on	_	DD 214
-	record below:		Hospital; birth worksheet
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	Parent	0	
	Guardian	0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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By signing be	low, I swear/affirm that the information above is	0	
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Today's Date:		Do	not retain copies of proof provided or

\$15 for 1st copy, \$6 for each additional copy

Proof of identity of applicant:

pplicant must provide one of these:			
	Driver's License		
	Passport		
	Government issued picture I.D.		
R two	of these:		
	Utility bills		
	Bank statements		
	Vehicle registration		
	Income tax return		
	Personal Check w/ address		
	A previously issued vital record		
	Letter from government agency requesting		
	record (DHHS, WIC)		
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	Social Security Card		
	DD 214		
	Hospital; birth worksheet		
	License/rental agreement		
	Pay stub		
	W-2		
	Voter Registration card		
	Disability award from SSA		
	Other		
stablishing eligibility to acquire record:			
	Related applicants must provide proof of		
	lineage.		
	Domestic Partners must provide proof of		
	registration of domestic partnership		
	Attorneys must provide a signed, notarized		
	release from family		
	Genealogists must provide a state-issued		
	card		
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Birth Certificate

Name on birth record:	Applicant must provide one of these:		
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		Passport	
Date of Birth:		Government issued picture I.D.	
How many copies?	OR two of these:		
Parents Names (with mother's maiden):		Utility bills	
		Bank statements	
	0	Vehicle registration	
		Income tax return	
Applicant Name:		Personal Check w/ address	
	0	A previously issued vital record	
Applicant Address:		Letter from government agency requesting	
		record (DHHS, WIC)	
		Department of Corrections I.D. card	
		Social Security Card	
Indicate your Relationship to the person on	_	DD 214	
requested record below:		Hospital; birth worksheet	
☐ Self	_	License/rental agreement	
☐ Spouse		Pay stub	
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☐ Registered Domestic Partner		Voter Registration card	
☐ Parent		Disability award from SSA	
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By signing below, I swear/affirm that the information above is	_	registration of domestic partnership	
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Proof of identity of applicant:

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Death Certificate

Full Name of Decedent:			Pasanart
			Passport
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Date of Death:			of these: Utility bills
How many	/ copies?	0	Bank statements
Applicant Name:		0	Vehicle registration
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		, 0	Personal Check w/ address
Applicant Address:			A previously issued vital record
			Letter from government agency requesting
		Ļ	record (DHHS, WIC)
Indicate vi	our Relationship to the person on		Department of Corrections I.D. card
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	Registered Domestic Partner		License/rental agreement
	Parent		Pay stub
	Guardian	_	W-2
	Descendant		Voter Registration card
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_	Attorney of person on record		Other
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	None of the above (short form		Related applicants must provide proof of
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true and correct.			registration of domestic partnership
Applicant Signature:			Attorneys must provide a signed, notarized
			release from family
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			card
Today's Date:		Do	not retain copies of proof provided or note any specific numbe

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	or identity or applicant:
<u>Applica</u>	nt must provide one of these:
	Driver's License
	Passport
	Government issued picture I.D.
OR two	of these:
	Utility bills
	Bank statements
	Vehicle registration
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	Personal Check w/ address
	A previously issued vital record
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