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HOUSE BILL NO. 1044

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the
Department of Health

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions related to the availability to the
2 public of vital records.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 34-25 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 Any person who can and does provide any name, date of event, place of event, or additional
7 information sufficient to identify any particular death, marriage, divorce, or annulment record is
8 entitled to obtain a certified copy of such record. Nothing in this section prohibits the release of
9 information contained on a death, marriage, divorce, or annulment record which would not
10 identify any person named in the record

11 Section 2. That chapter 34-25 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
12 follows:

13 If fifty years have elapsed after the date of the death, marriage, divorce, or annulment, the
14 records of those events in the custody of the department shall become available to the public.

15 The department shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, for the continued safekeeping



1 of these records.