

confidential medical information that appears on the birth certificate.

(3) Birth certificate information may not be given if it is to be commercial solicitation or private gain.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall collect a \$2 fee for each certified or abridged copy of a birth, death, fetal death, or marriage certificate or for a report that a search of the files was made and the requested record is not on file.

(2) The Department may not collect a fee for a certificate requested by an agency of this State or any of its political subdivisions.

(3) The Secretary may waive all or part of a fee if chargeable to an agency of the United States.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL INCLUDE WITH EVERY COPY OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE, IN A FORM PRESCRIBED AND PROVIDED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, A NOTICE WHICH ADVISES THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MAY BE ENTITLED TO CONTINUATION OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 490G OF THE CODE.

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(D) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 490G OF THE CODE.

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(A) A LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR, ~~PRIOR TO FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE BODY,~~ SHALL PROVIDE TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE A NOTICE WHICH ADVISES THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MAY BE ENTITLED TO CONTINUATION OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 490G OF THE CODE.

(B) THE NOTICES REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUPPLIED TO THE LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

(C) A LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO FAILS TO PROVIDE NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ANY PERSON FOR BENEFITS WHICH WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN PAYABLE UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 490 OF THE CODE OR OTHER DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to group contracts issued or renewed after the effective date of this Act.