

(8) "Record" means a copy or the original record.

(b) Upon request of the Archives, the Department shall provide the Archives with vital records and indexes of vital records that are in the custody of the Department.

(c) Vital records and indexes may be copied by the Archivist in any manner.

(d) (1) Upon request the Archives may only disclose AND PROVIDE COPIES OF vital records to:

(i) an individual who is lawfully entitled to obtain a vital record from the Department OR ANY OTHER ORIGINAL CUSTODIAN;

(ii) an individual who requests an old vital record [or an extract of a recent death record]; or

(iii) an individual who has evidence of the death of the person or persons in the vital records;

(2) an individual may examine and obtain a copy of indexes that pertain to vital records that are in the custody of the Archives; [and]

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY OBTAIN AN EXTRACT OF A RECENT VITAL RECORD; AND

[(3)] (4) an individual may obtain from the Archives a certified copy of the original of a vital record that may be examined under items (i) through (iii) of this subsection.

(e) The Archives may charge a reasonable fee to cover the expense of copying [old] vital records or indexes to a vital record, to make extracts from recent vital records or to undertake a search for vital records.

(f) (1) An individual may not request a copy of indexes to vital records, [old] vital [records] RECORDS, or extracts to recent vital records for the purpose of commercial solicitation or private gain;

(2) The Archives may require an individual to state the individual's intended use of the information obtained under this section.

(g) Under this section, the copying and use of vital records for disclosure, the disclosure of vital records, or extracts of recent vital records or indexes does not violate the rule of confidentiality in a provision of law, including Title 10, Subtitle 6 of this article or § 4-224 of the Health - General Article.