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(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall provide, on request, any person authorized by regulations adopted under this subtitle with a certified or abridged copy of a birth, death, or fetal death certificate registered under this subtitle or of the certificate of a marriage performed after June 1, 1951.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY:

(I) ACCESS ELECTRONICALLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT A CERTIFIED OR ABRIDGED COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) ON REQUEST, PROVIDE ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WITH A CERTIFIED OR ABRIDGED COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

[(2)](3) (i) The Secretary shall provide on request, to any person authorized by regulation adopted under this subtitle, a commemorative birth certificate.

(ii) The Department shall set a fee for the commemorative birth certificate.

(iii) The commemorative birth certificate shall:

1. Be in a form consistent with the need to protect the integrity of vital records but suitable for display; and

2. Have the same status as evidence as the original birth certificate.

(iv) Funds collected under this paragraph shall be paid into the Children's Trust Fund.

(v) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this paragraph.

(b) (1) A certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate may be issued only:

(i) On order of a court of competent jurisdiction;

(ii) On request of the individual to whom the record relates; or

(iii) On request of a parent, guardian, or other authorized representative of the individual.

(2) A certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate may contain only the personal information that appears on the birth certificate and may not include any confidential medical information that appears on the birth certificate.