STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing for the issuance of birth certificates of a deceased parent to their child

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 4174 of the public health law, as amended by section 31 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(b) issue certified copies or certified transcripts of birth certificates only (1) upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or (2) upon specific request therefor by the person, if eighteen years of age or more, or by a parent or other lawful representative of the person, to whom the record of birth relates including authorized representatives of a local social services district if the person is in the care and custody or custody and guardianship of such district, or (3) **upon specific request therefor by the child of a deceased parent, provided such child demonstrates proof of consanguinity or adoption consistent with regulations promulgated by the commissioner, or (4)** upon specific request therefor by a department of a state or the federal government of the United States;

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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