STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 1, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. SLATER -- read once and referred 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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