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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- 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 requests for birth certificates

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 4173 of the public health law, as amended by section 30 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2. A certified copy or certified transcript of a birth record shall be issued only upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or upon a 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 an authorized representative of the office of children and family services or a local social services district if the person is in the care and custody or custody and guardianship of such entity**, or upon a specific request therefor by a person with a direct interest in the content of the birth record and that the information contained therein is necessary for the determination of personal or property right as determined by the registrar under regulations prescribed by the commissioner**.

§ 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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