



2024 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1098
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AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to provide free birth certificates to persons experiencing homelessness.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 34-25 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

Notwithstanding § 34-25-52, the department must provide, at no cost, a certified copy of a person's South Dakota birth certificate, limited to one, upon application and proof of that person's homelessness. The person or the person's spouse, child, parent, guardian, next of kin, or authorized representative may apply for a certified copy of the person's birth certificate pursuant to this section.

An affidavit developed by the department attesting to the person's housing status is proof of homelessness for the purposes of this section. The department may not accept an affidavit as proof of homelessness unless signed by the person experiencing homelessness and a homeless services provider with knowledge of the person's housing status.

For the purposes of this section, the term "homeless services provider" means any government or nonprofit agency that provides a food bank, homeless shelter, housing assistance program, homeless outreach or advocacy program, or any similar program; any human services or social services agency, public or private, providing health services, behavioral health services, substance use disorder services, or employment or public assistance services to homeless persons; or any law enforcement officer designated as a liaison to the homeless population by a local police department or sheriff's department.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:
House as Bill No. 1098

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____, 2024 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk

By _____ for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2024

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2024 at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

House Bill No. 1098
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Chapter No. _____

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State