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**A157, R200, H3325**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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 12/9/2020 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

 1/12/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 158](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210112.docx))

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 2/10/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Murray, Rivers, M.M.Smith, Parks

 2/25/2021 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210225.docx))

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 3/2/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 44](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210302.docx))

 3/2/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑116 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 44](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210302.docx))

 3/3/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210303.docx))

 3/3/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210303.docx))

 3/3/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210303.docx))

 5/5/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220505.docx))

 5/10/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted

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 5/10/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 69](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220510.docx))

 5/10/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑44 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 69](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220510.docx))

 5/11/2022 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220511.docx))

 5/12/2022 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20220512.docx))

 5/12/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑101 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20220512.docx))

 5/12/2022 Ratified R 200 ([Senate Journal‑page 217](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220512.docx))

 5/13/2022 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 44‑63‑74, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF DEATH CERTIFICATES WITH THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO ELIMINATE EXEMPTIONS FOR PHYSICIANS WHO CERTIFY FEWER THAN TWELVE DEATHS ANNUALLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Electronic filing of death certificates**

SECTION 1. A. Section 44‑63‑74(A)(4) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(4) Death certificates must be transmitted electronically between the funeral home, or funeral home director, and the physician, coroner, or medical examiner certifying the cause of death in order to document the death certificate information prescribed by this chapter. Required signatures on death certificates must be provided by electronic signature. An individual who acts, without compensation, as a funeral director on behalf of a deceased family member or friend, is exempt from the requirement to file electronically but must comply with the requirements of items (2) or (3), as applicable.”

B. Section 44‑63‑74(A)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, death certificates must be electronically filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics as prescribed by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics within five days after death. As prescribed by law, the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall notify the State Election Commission of the decedent’s death who shall subsequently notify the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections in which the decedent was a resident of the decedent’s death for purposes of removing the decedent from the voter roll.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 13th day of May, 2022.

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